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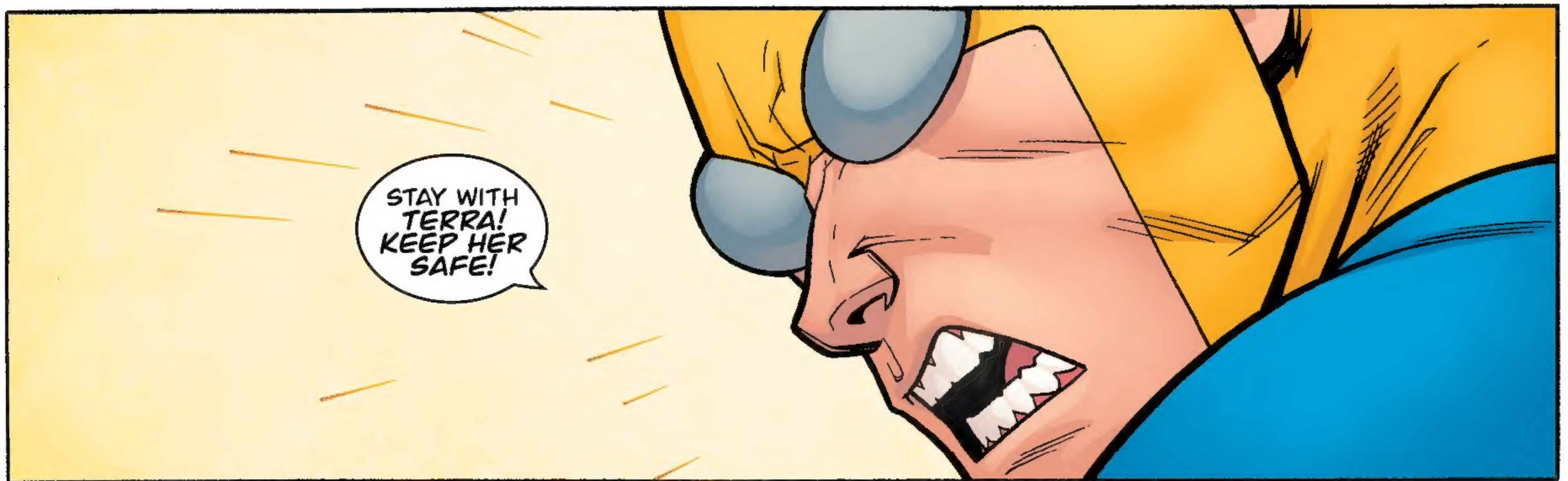
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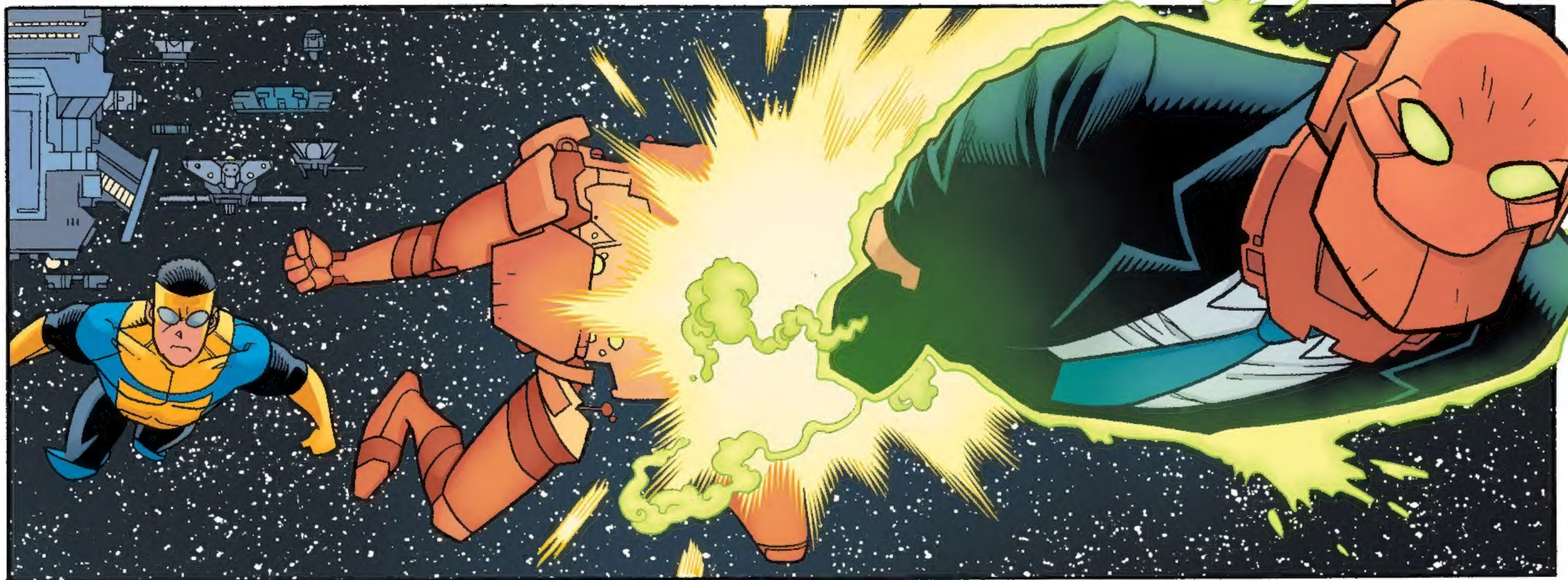
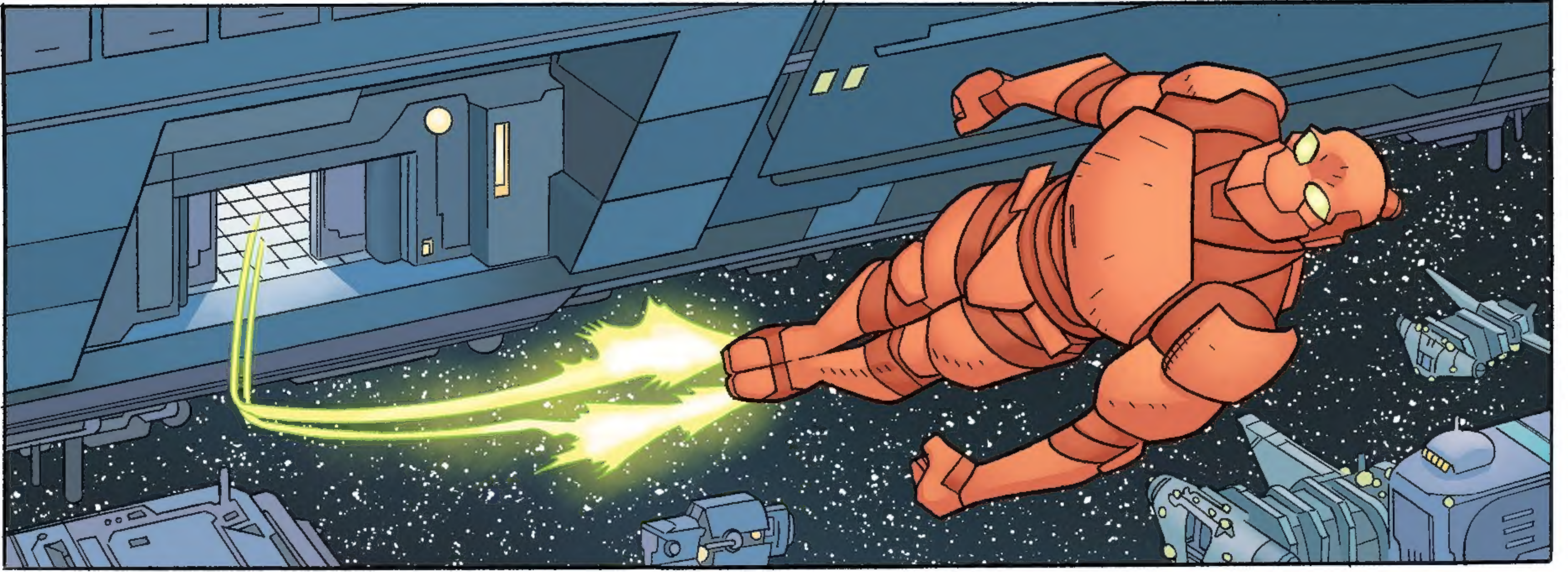
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WHY
ARE YOU
DOING
THIS?!

WITH YOUR FATHER
DEAD, YOU ARE GOING
TO ASSUME COMMAND
OF THE VILTRUMITES.
IT'S ONLY A MATTER
OF TIME BEFORE
YOU TURN THEM
AGAINST ME.



I HAD
NO CHOICE
BUT TO
STRIKE
FIRST.



I ONLY
GATHERED THEIR
OFFSPRING AS A
PRECAUTION.

IF YOUR EFFORTS
AGAINST THRAGG FAILED,
THEY COULD HAVE BEEN
AN ASSET IF THEY
KNEW I'D PROTECT
THEM.

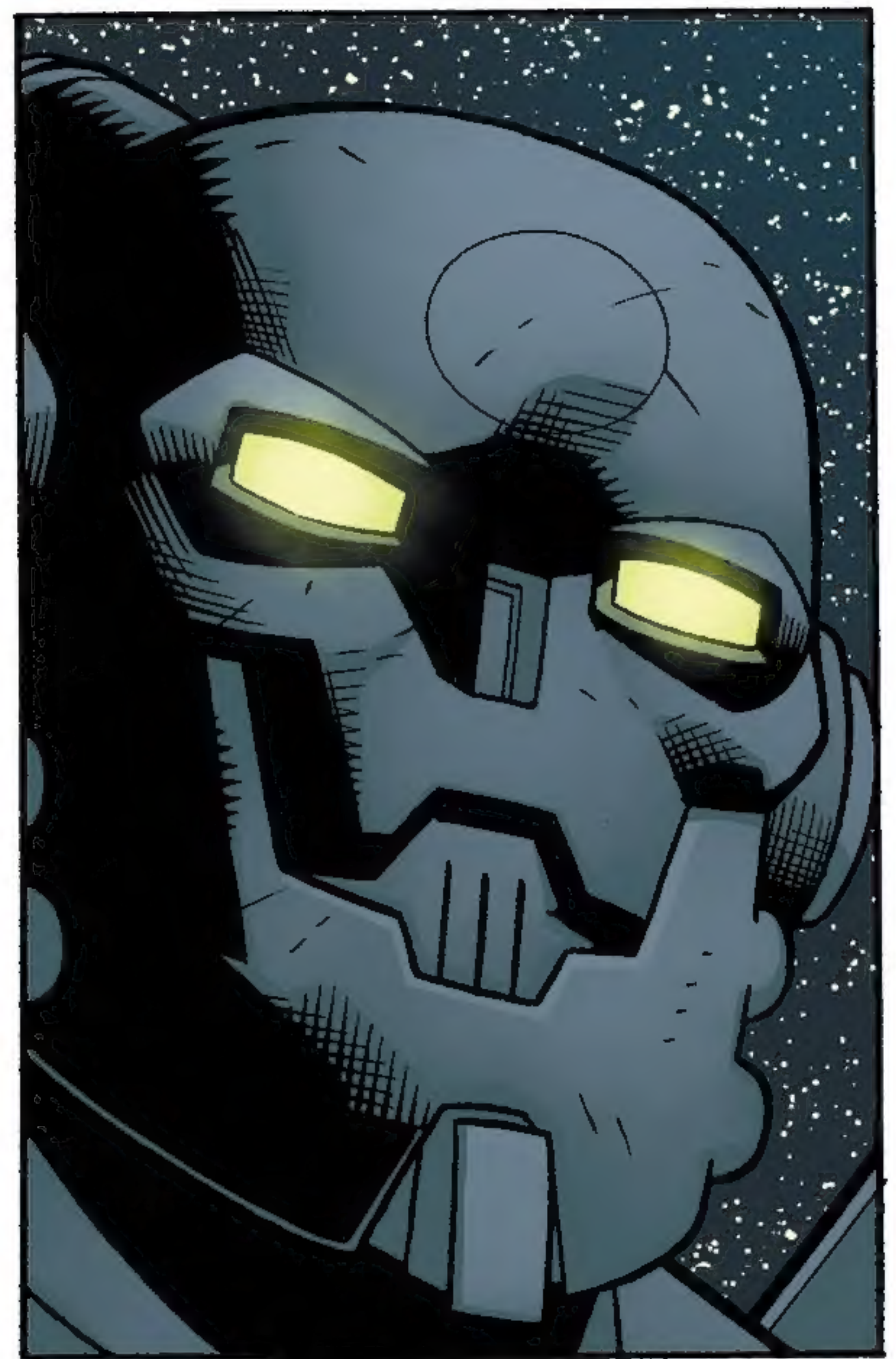
NOW, THEY'RE
A TOOL TO TURN
YOUR ARMY
AGAINST YOU
BEFORE YOU CAN
TURN IT AGAINST
ME.



YOU
THOUGHT OF
EVERYTHING---
DIDN'T YOU?



WE'LL
SEE.

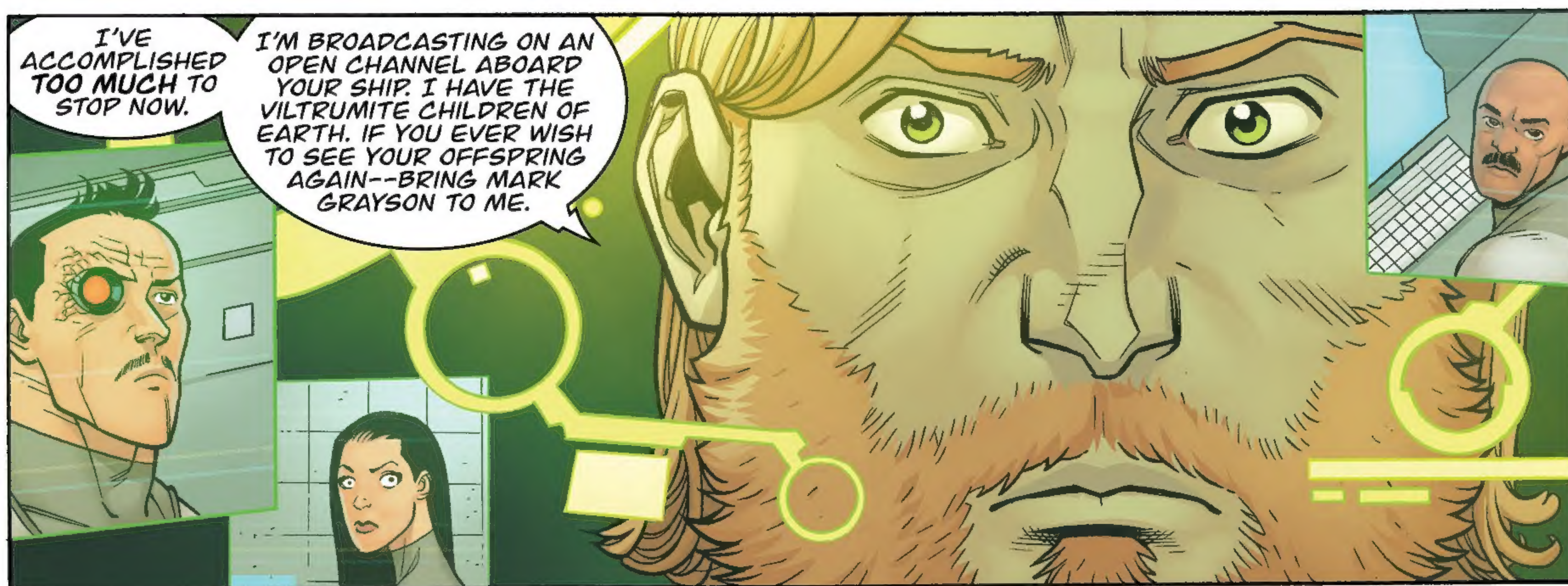




WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

IF MARK GRAYSON IS TO LEAD THE VILTRUMITES, THE FIRST THING HE WILL DO IS LEAD THEM AGAINST ME. FOR THE SAKE OF EARTH-- I CANNOT ALLOW THAT.



I'VE ACCOMPLISHED TOO MUCH TO STOP NOW.

I'M BROADCASTING ON AN OPEN CHANNEL ABOARD YOUR SHIP. I HAVE THE VILTRUMITE CHILDREN OF EARTH. IF YOU EVER WISH TO SEE YOUR OFFSPRING AGAIN--BRING MARK GRAYSON TO ME.



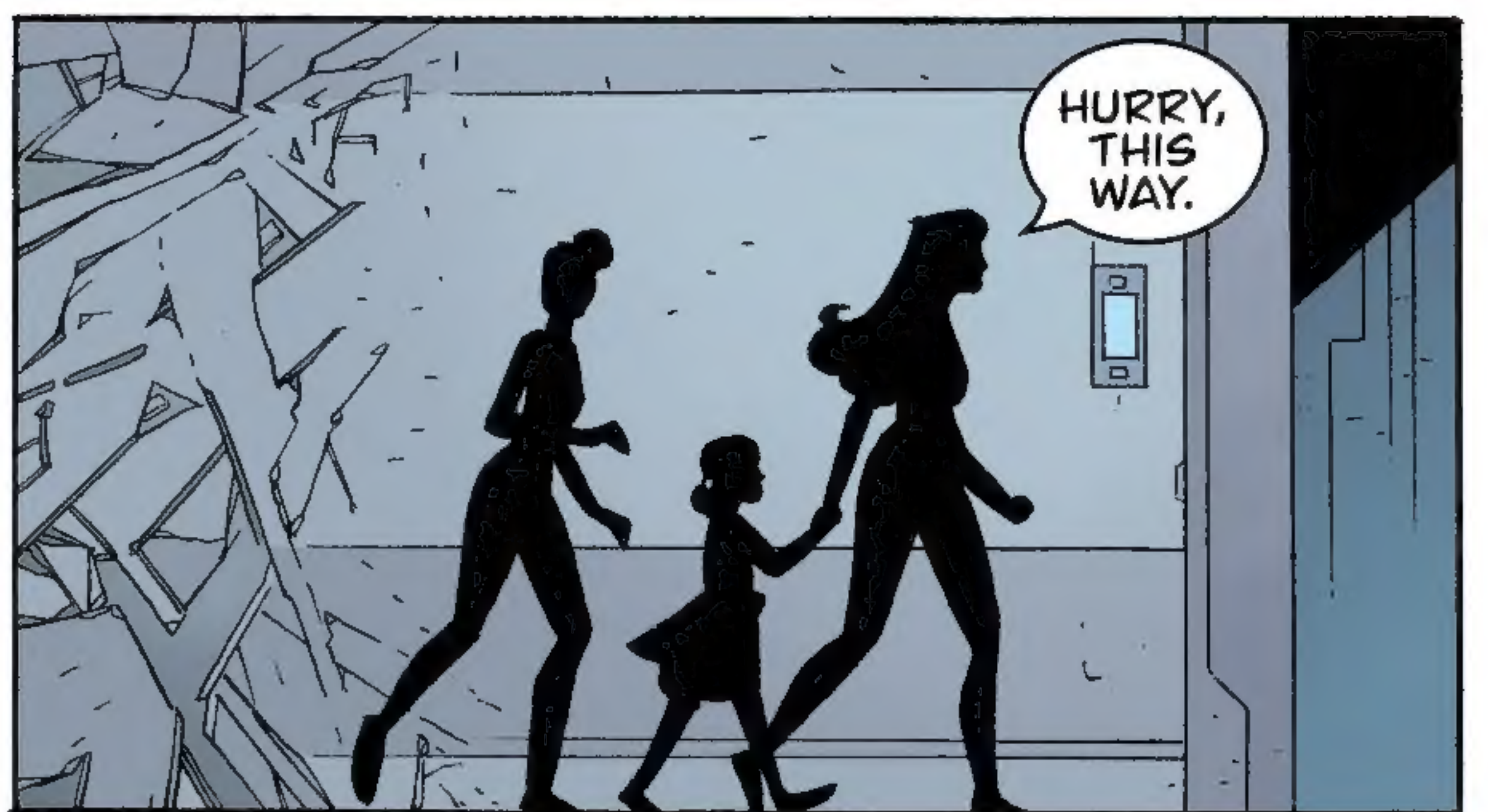
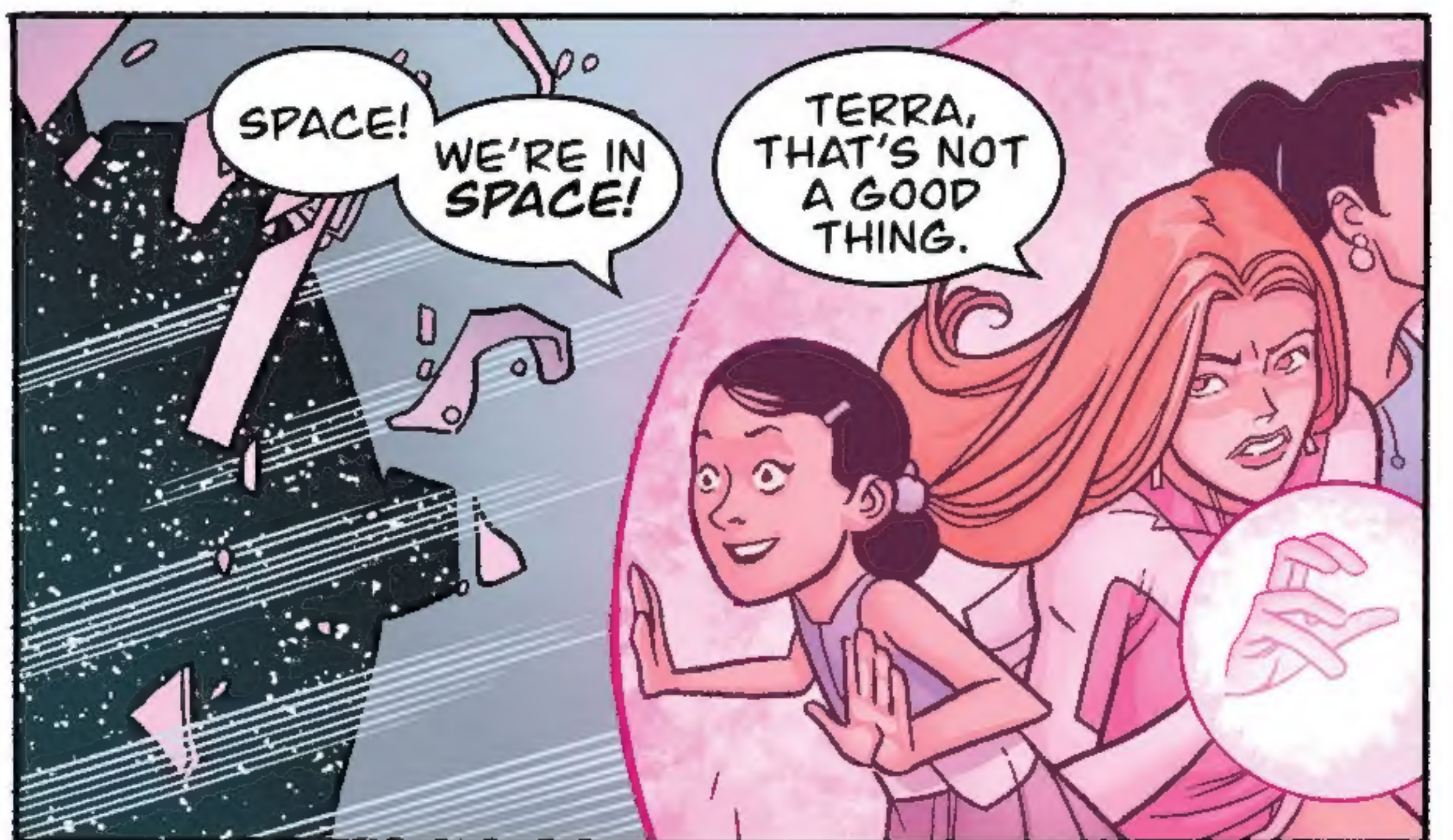
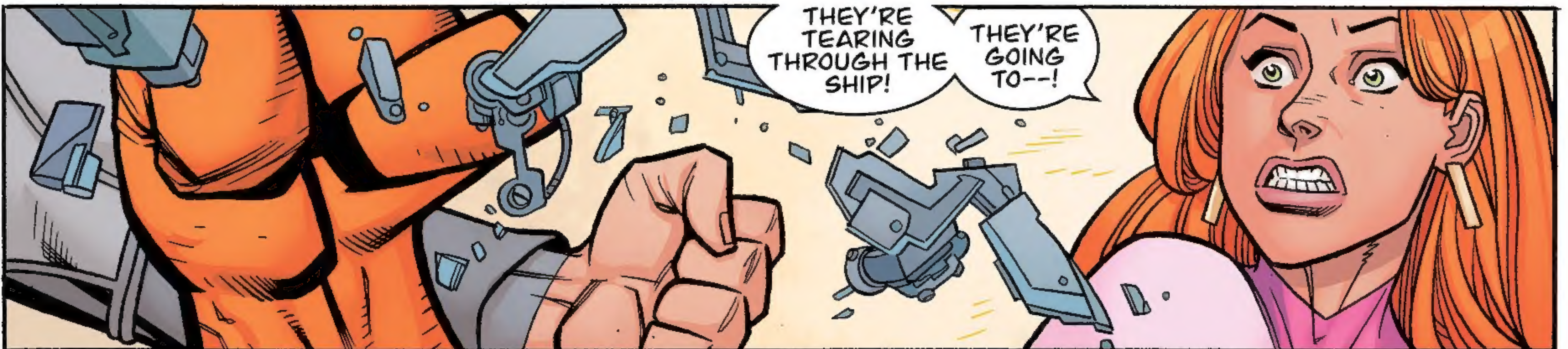
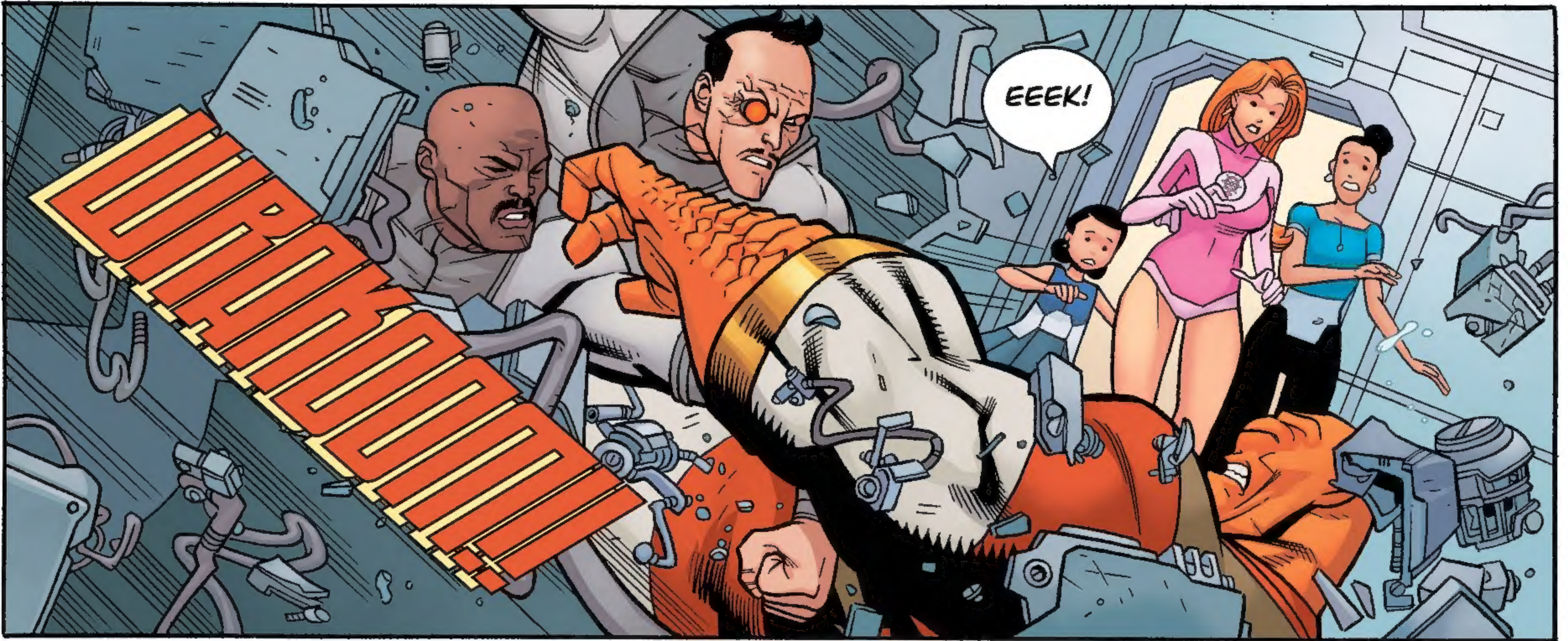
I'D ALSO LIKE CONTROL OF THIS FLEET, AS WELL.

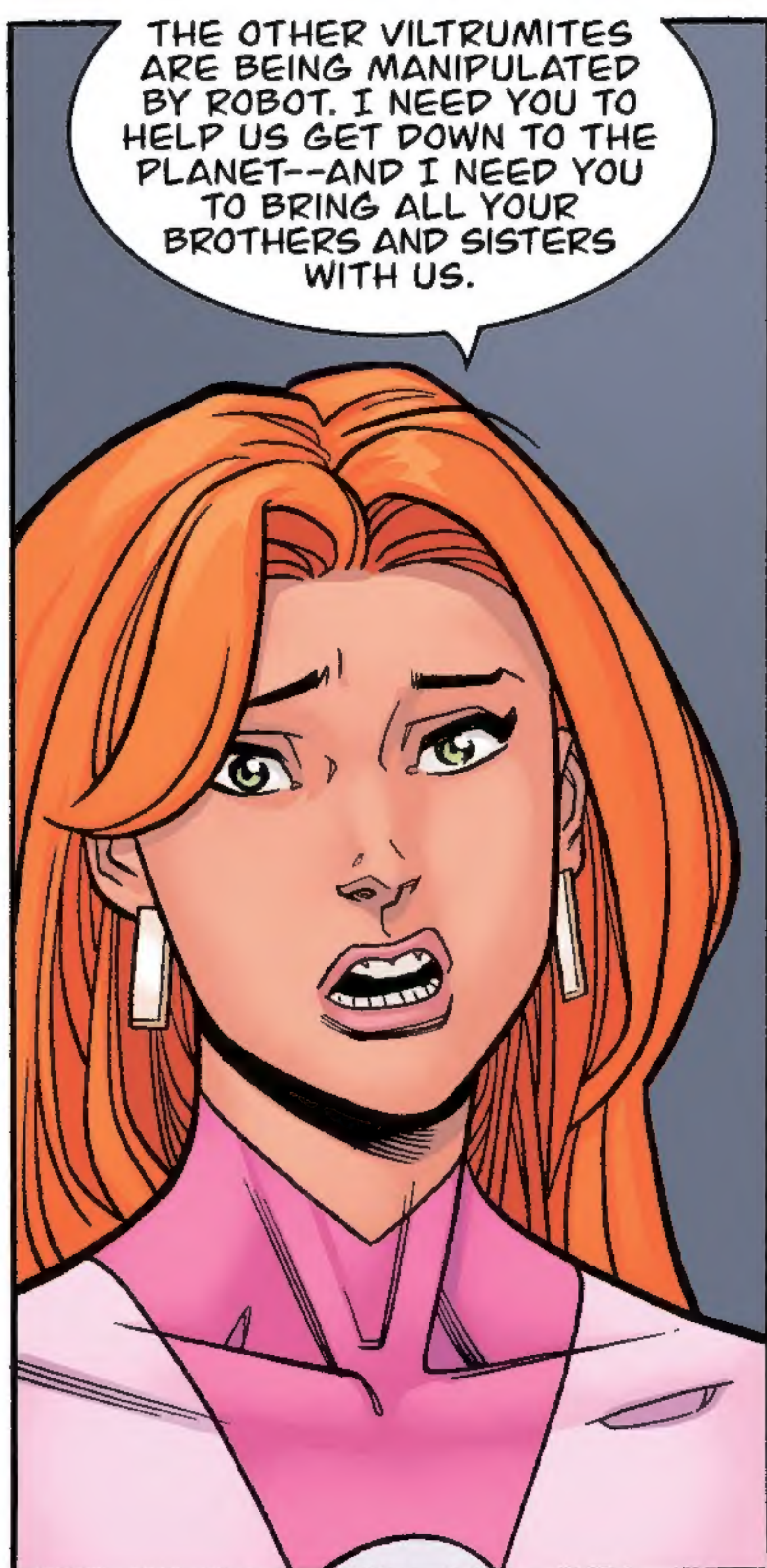
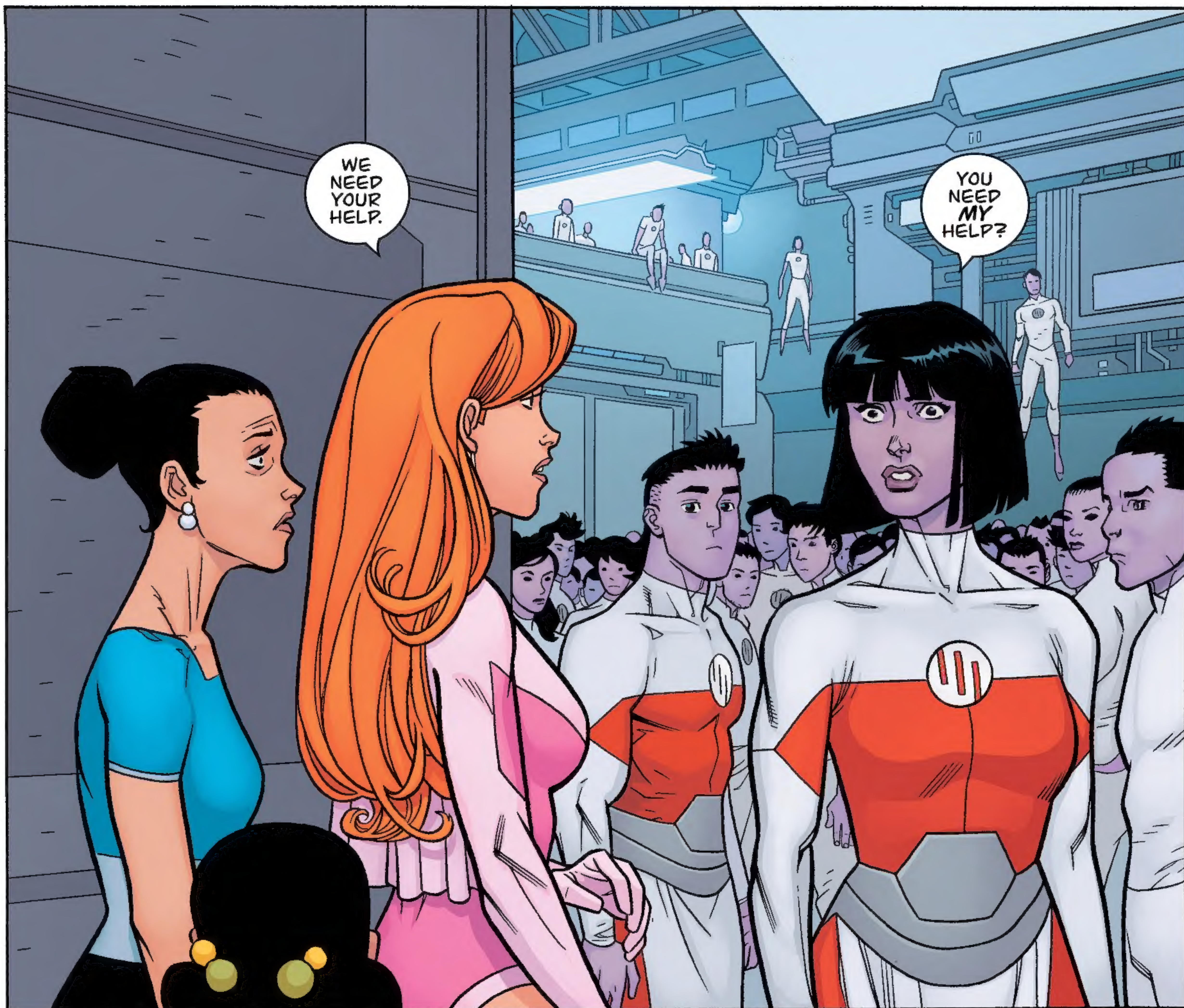
GUYS-- YOU'RE NOT REALLY GOING TO--

GUYS?

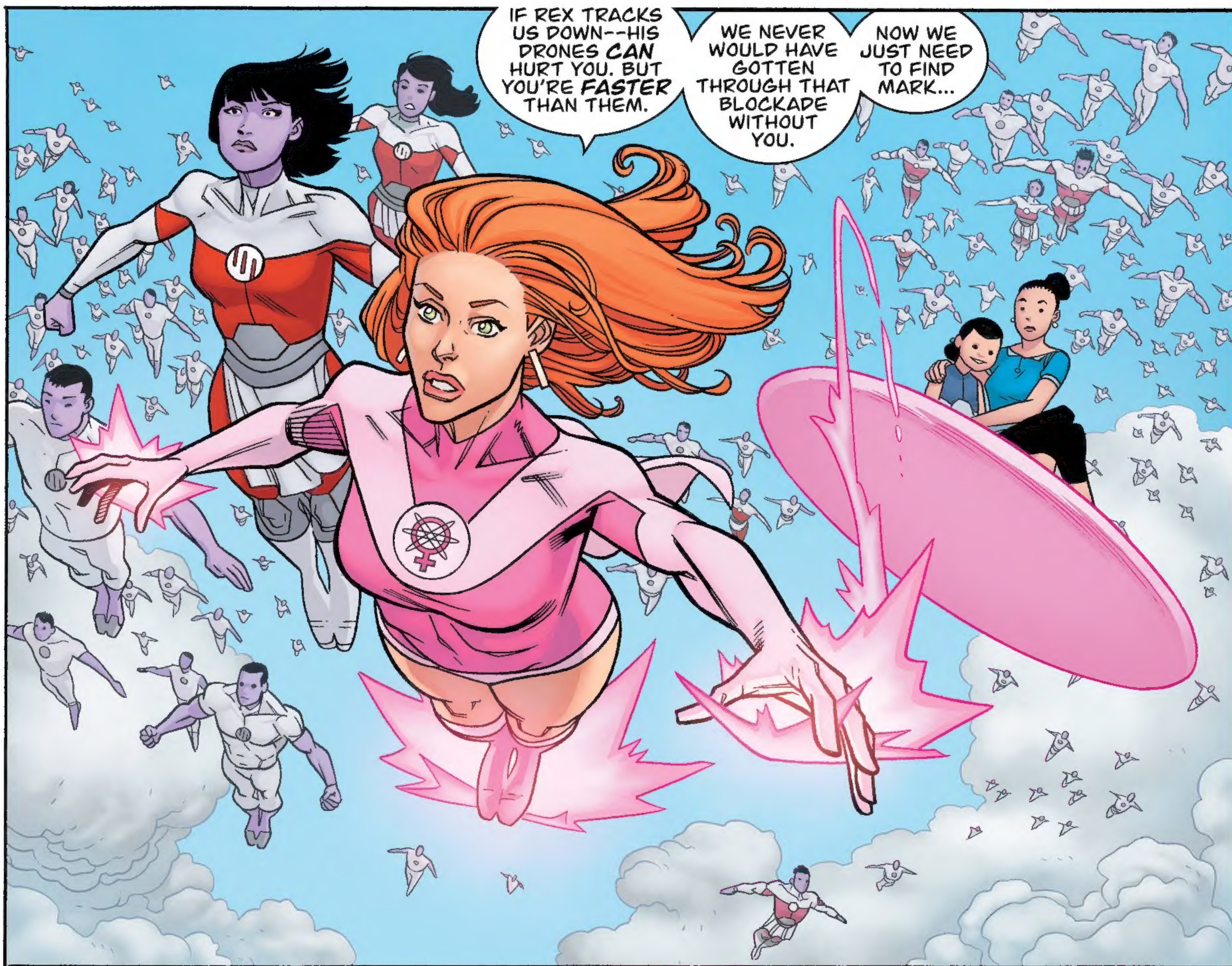


OH, SON OF A--





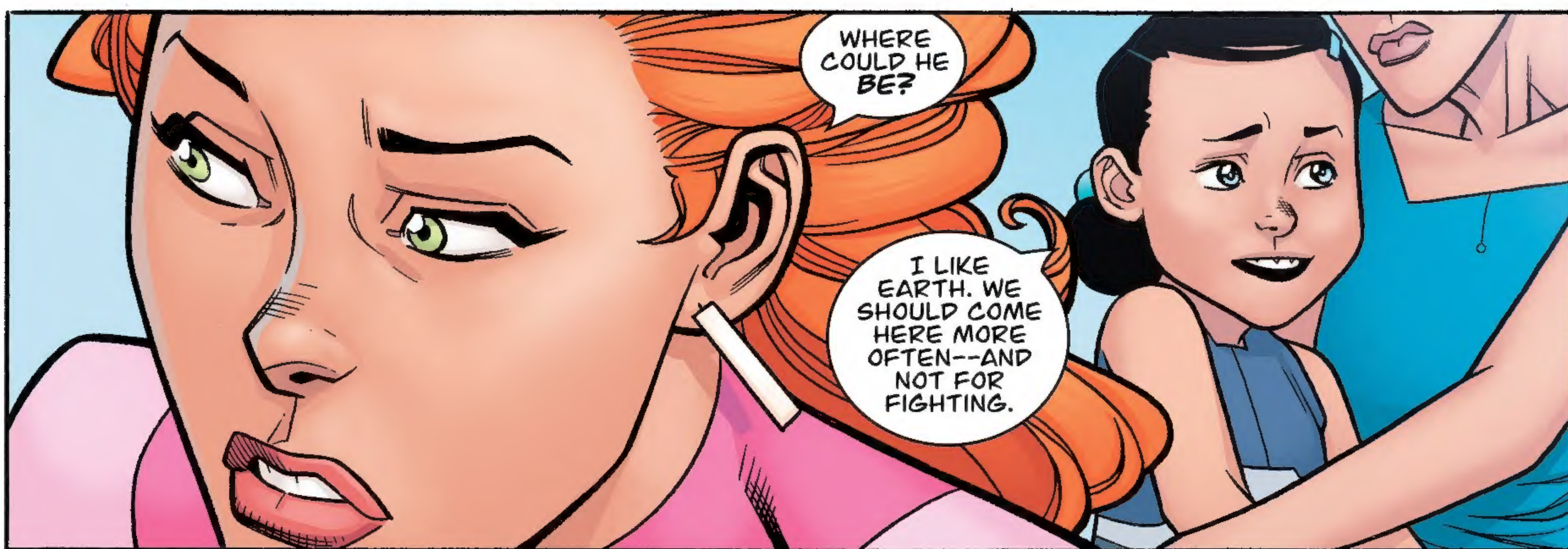




IF REX TRACKS
US DOWN--HIS
DRONES **CAN**
HURT YOU. BUT
YOU'RE **FASTER**
THAN THEM.

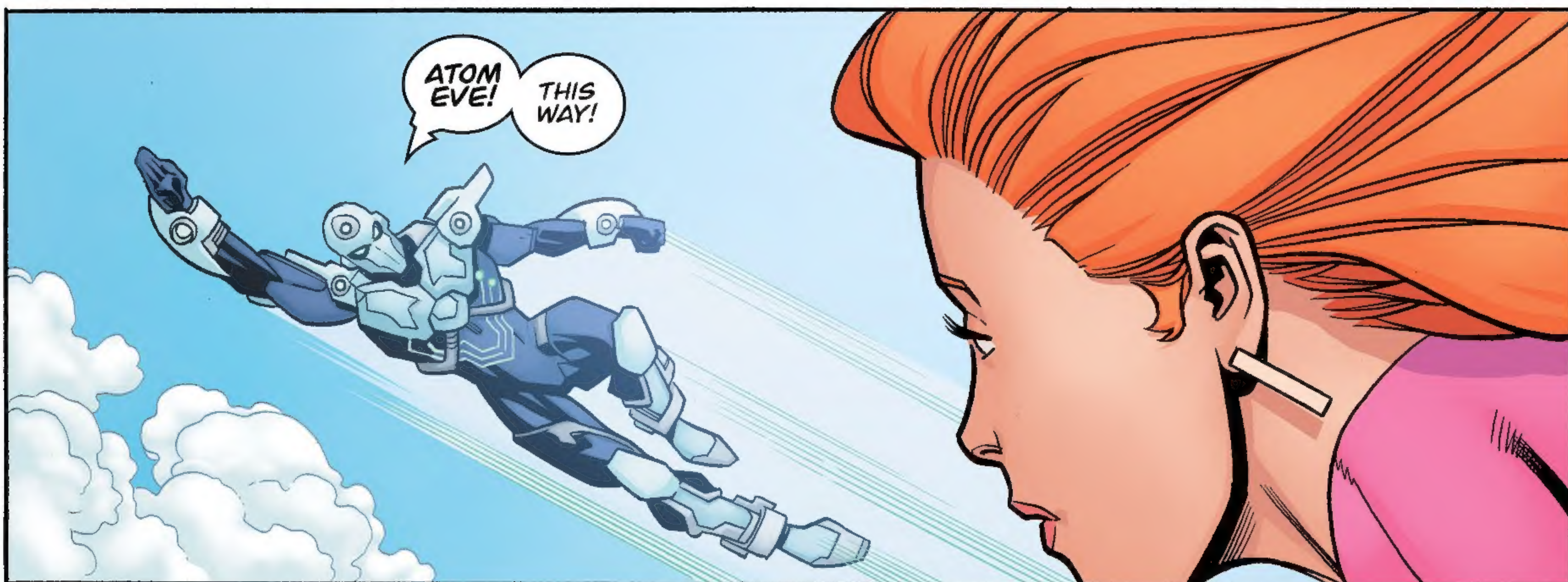
WE NEVER
WOULD HAVE
GOTTEN
THROUGH THAT
BLOCKADE
WITHOUT
YOU.

NOW WE
JUST NEED
TO FIND
MARK...



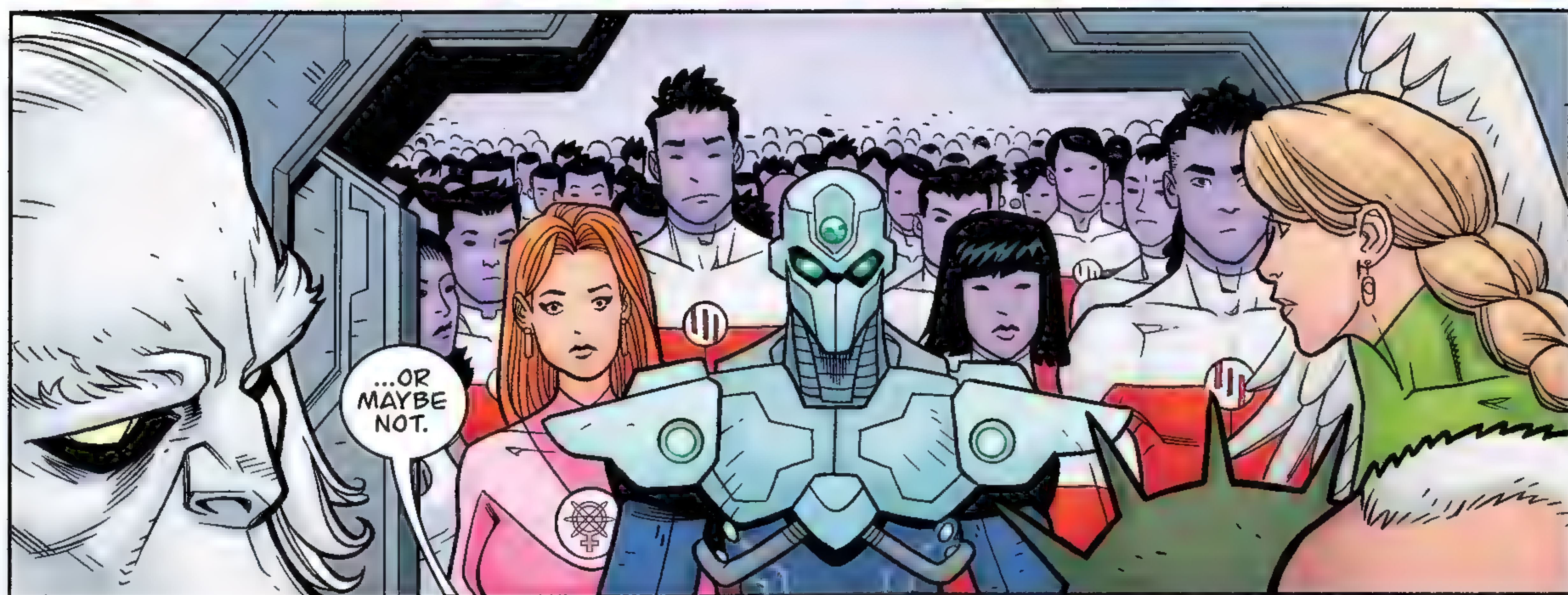
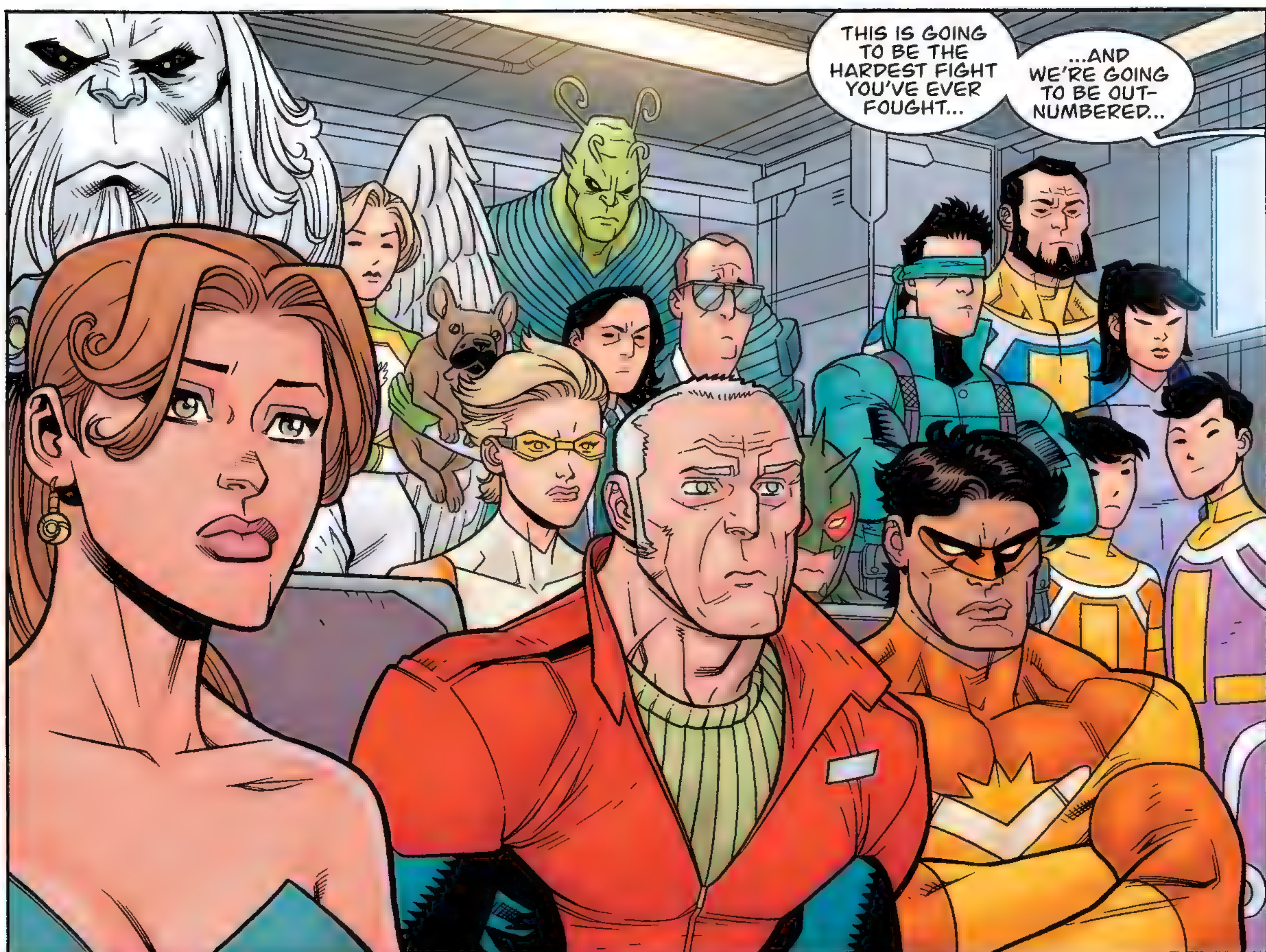
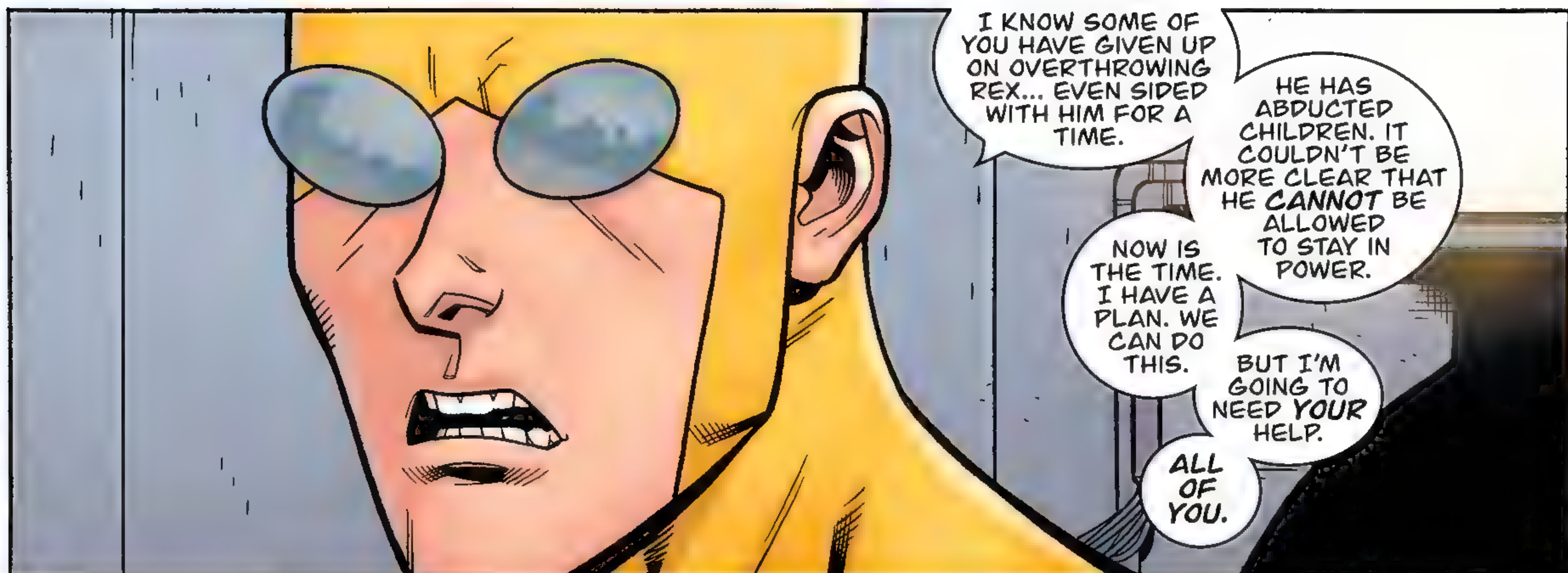
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COULD HE
BE?

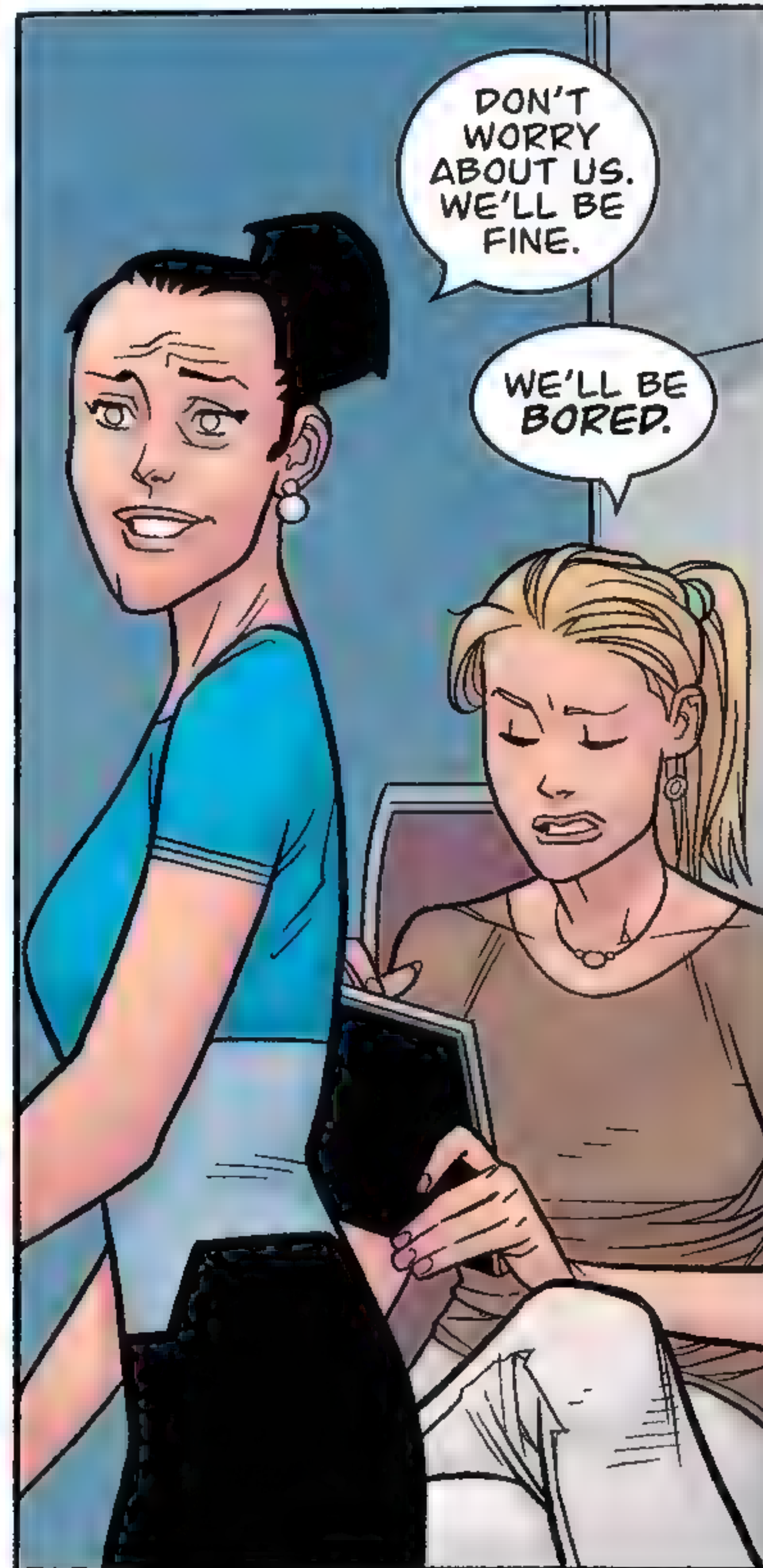
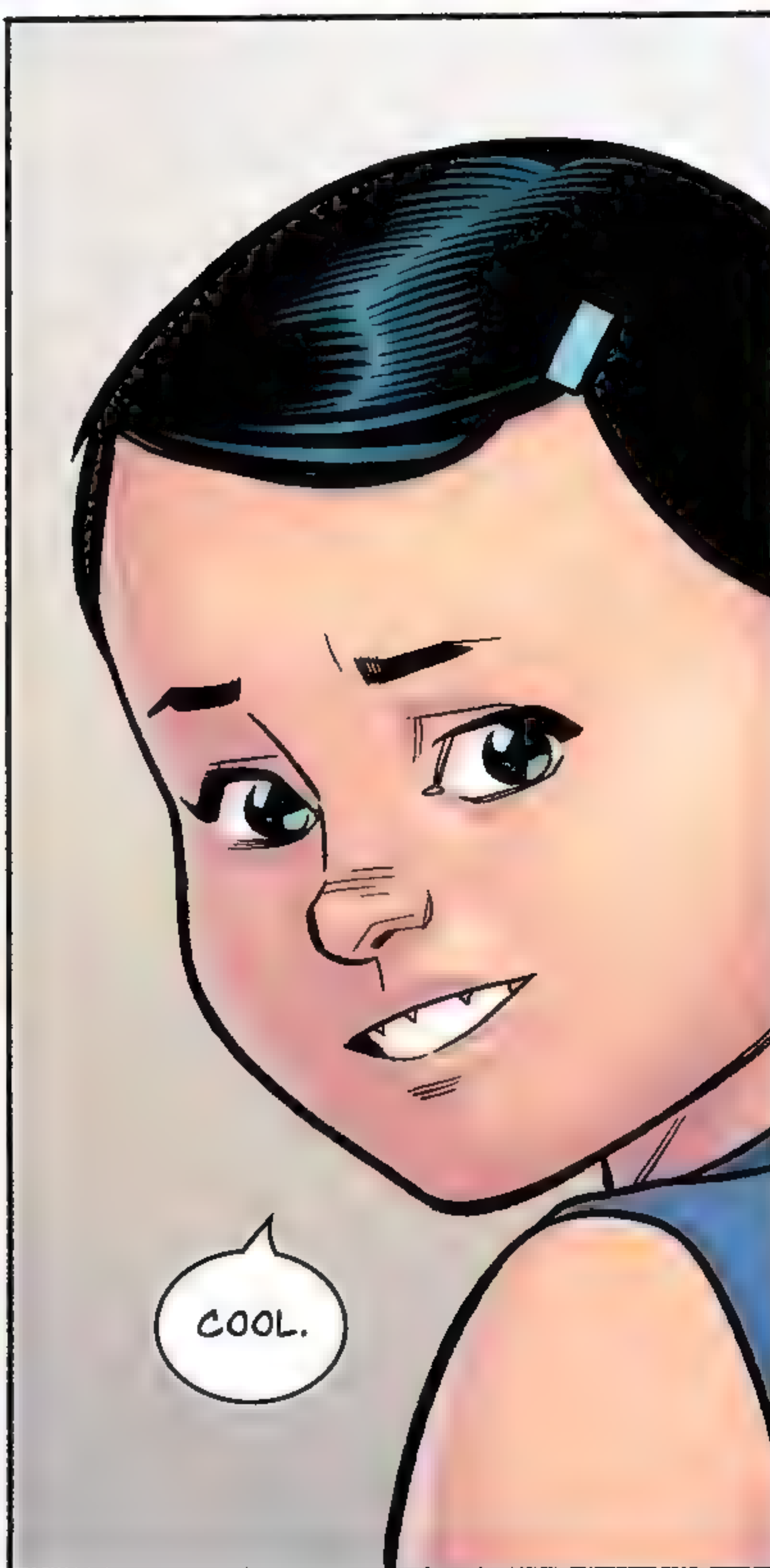
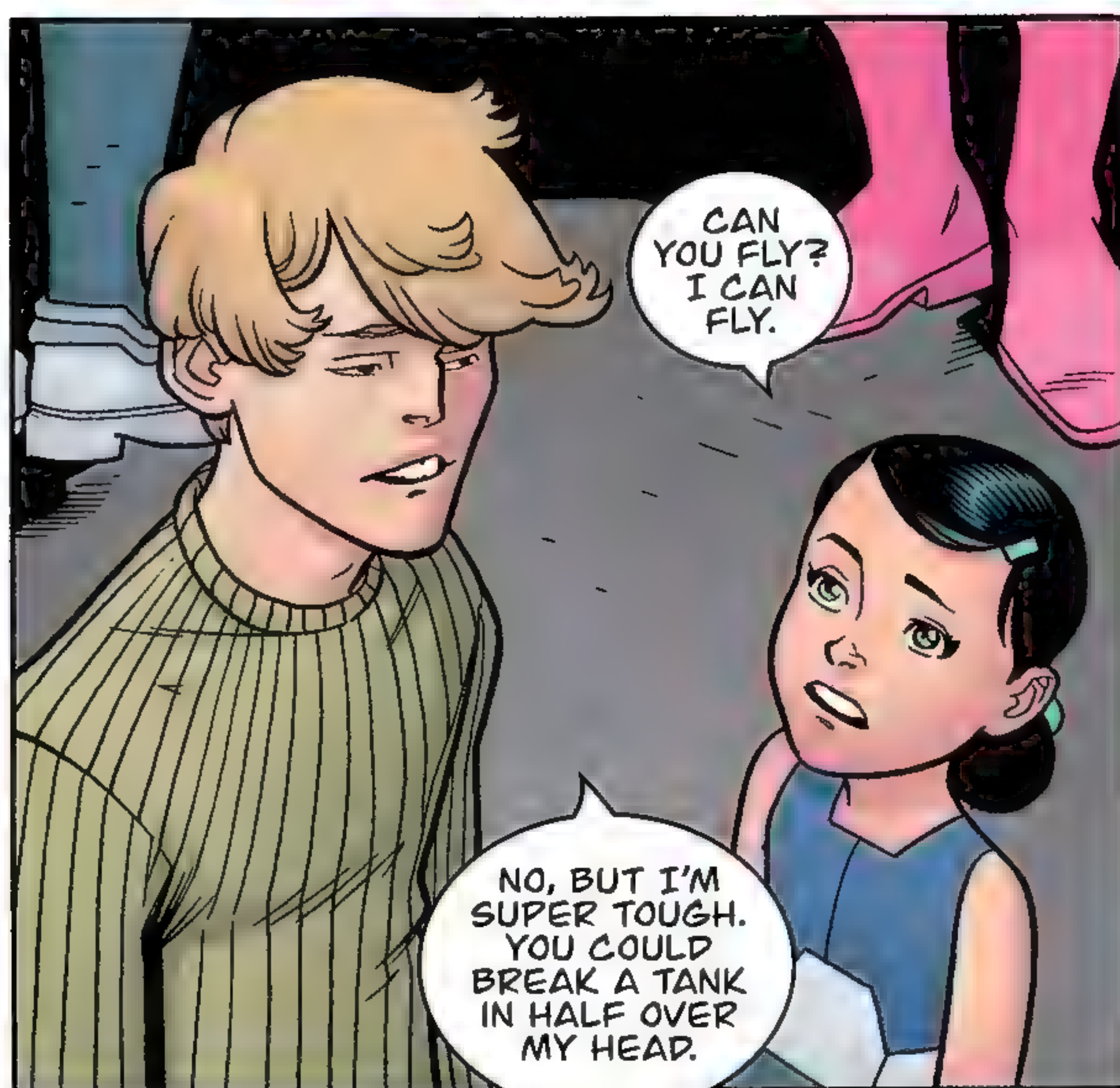
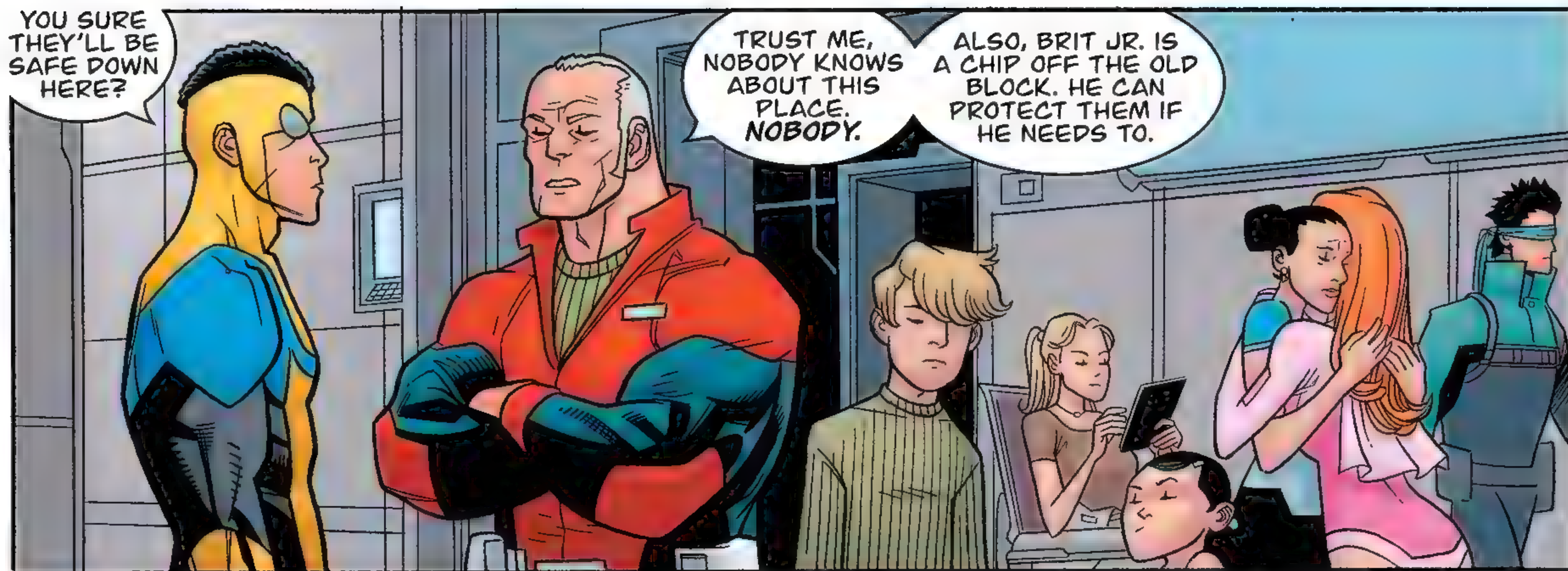
I LIKE
EARTH. WE
SHOULD COME
HERE MORE
OFTEN--AND
NOT FOR
FIGHTING.



ATOM
EVE!

THIS
WAY!







YOU'VE
REALLY TURNED
THINGS AROUND,
KID. WITH THIS MANY
OF US WORKING
TOGETHER, WE
CAN'T LOSE!

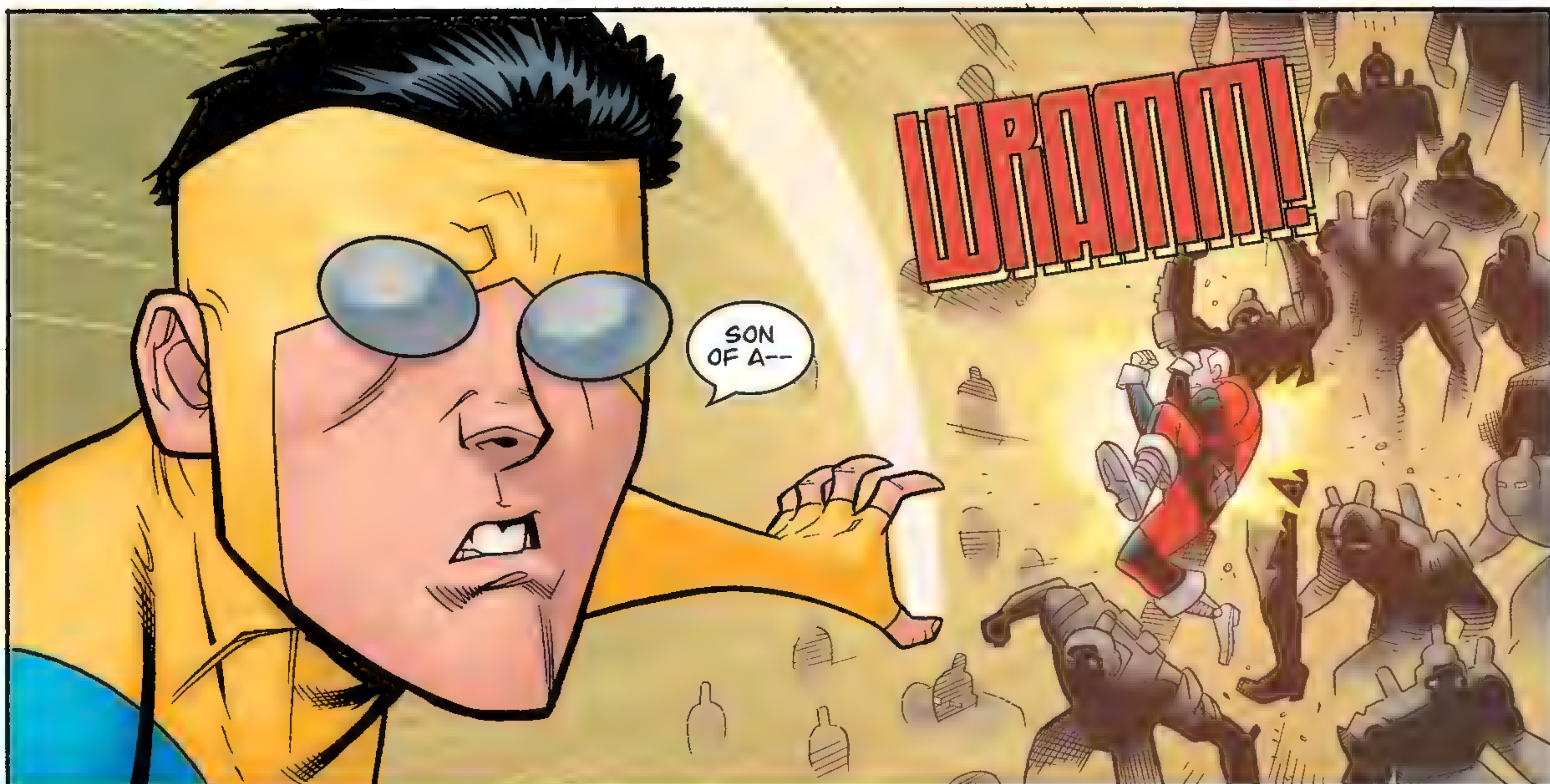
I HOPE
YOU'RE RIGHT,
BRIT--LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE
GOING TO NEED
ALL THE HELP
WE CAN GET.

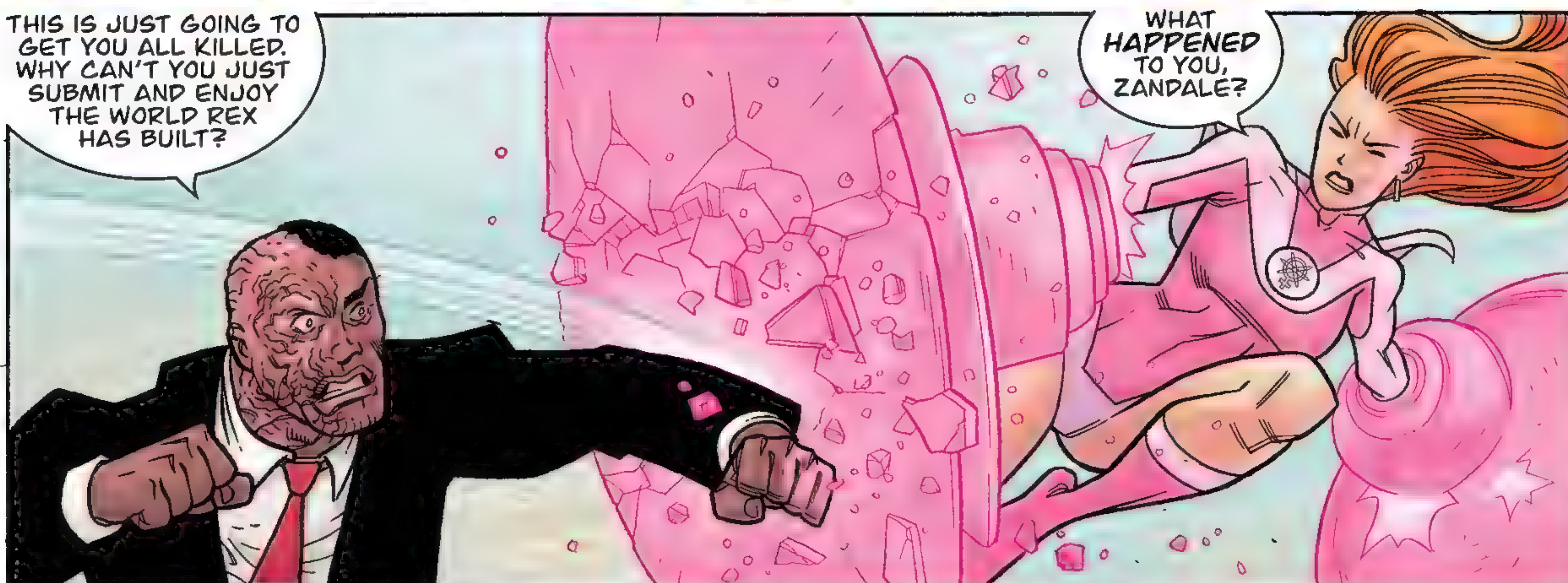
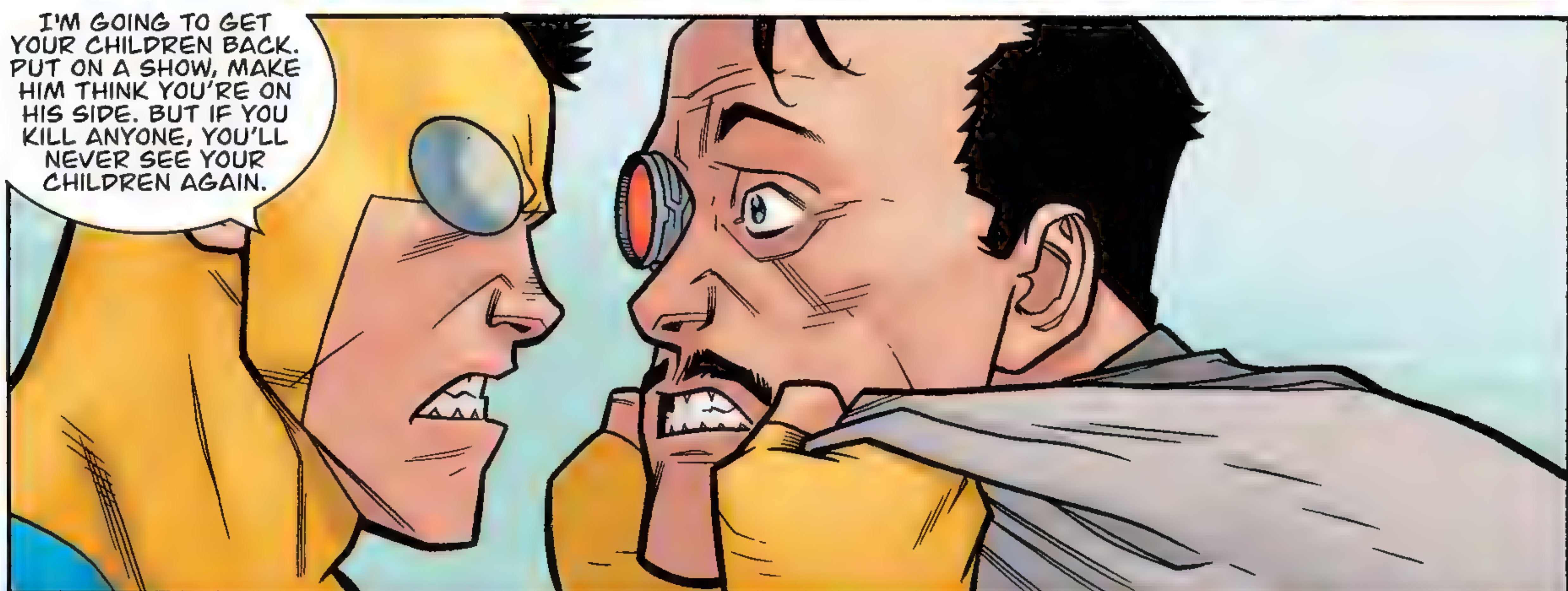


REMEMBER NOT TO
HIT THEM TOO HARD--
IMPACT CAUSES A SONIC
VIBRATION THAT HURTS
US--YOU HAVE TO
FIGHT SMARTER
WITH THEM.

YOU'LL
GET IT.

WE WILL
DO OUR
BEST--FOR
YOU.





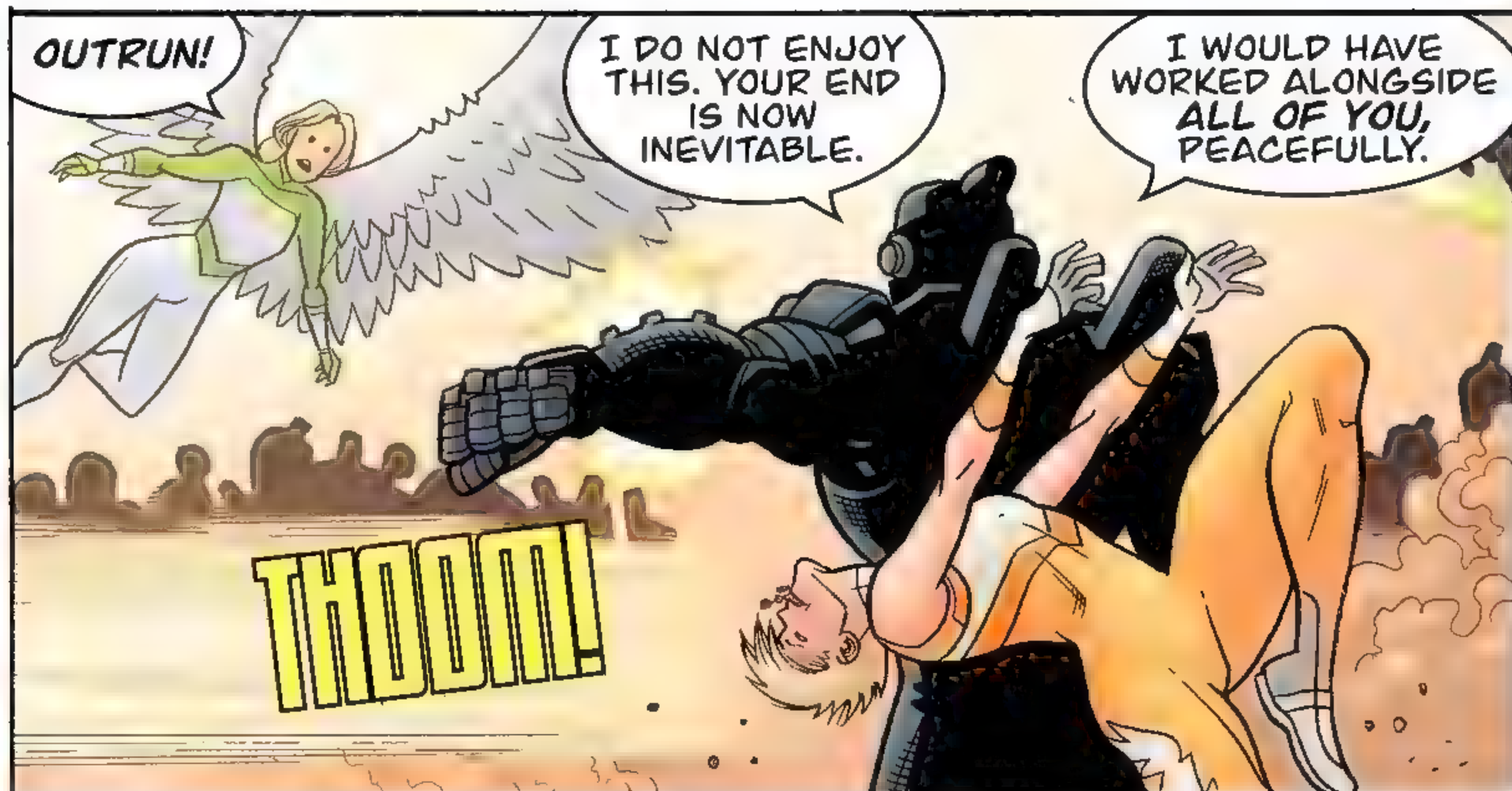


YOU
REALLY
COULDN'T
LEAVE WELL
ENOUGH
ALONE,
COULD
YOU?

YOU WON'T
GIVE UP UNTIL
EVERYONE YOU
CARE ABOUT
IS DEAD.

WHAT YOU DID
IS WRONG. WHAT
YOU'RE DOING IS
WRONG. I SHOULD
NEVER HAVE GIVEN
UP--I SHOULD HAVE
TAKEN YOU OUT
IMMEDIATELY.

THIS PLANET
ISN'T YOURS TO
MANIPULATE
AS YOU SEE
FIT!



YOU'RE
THE BATTERING
RAM--GET HER IN
THERE AND FIND
THOSE KIDS.
THEY'VE GOTTA
BE HERE.

I'M ON
IT. YOU
WITH ME?

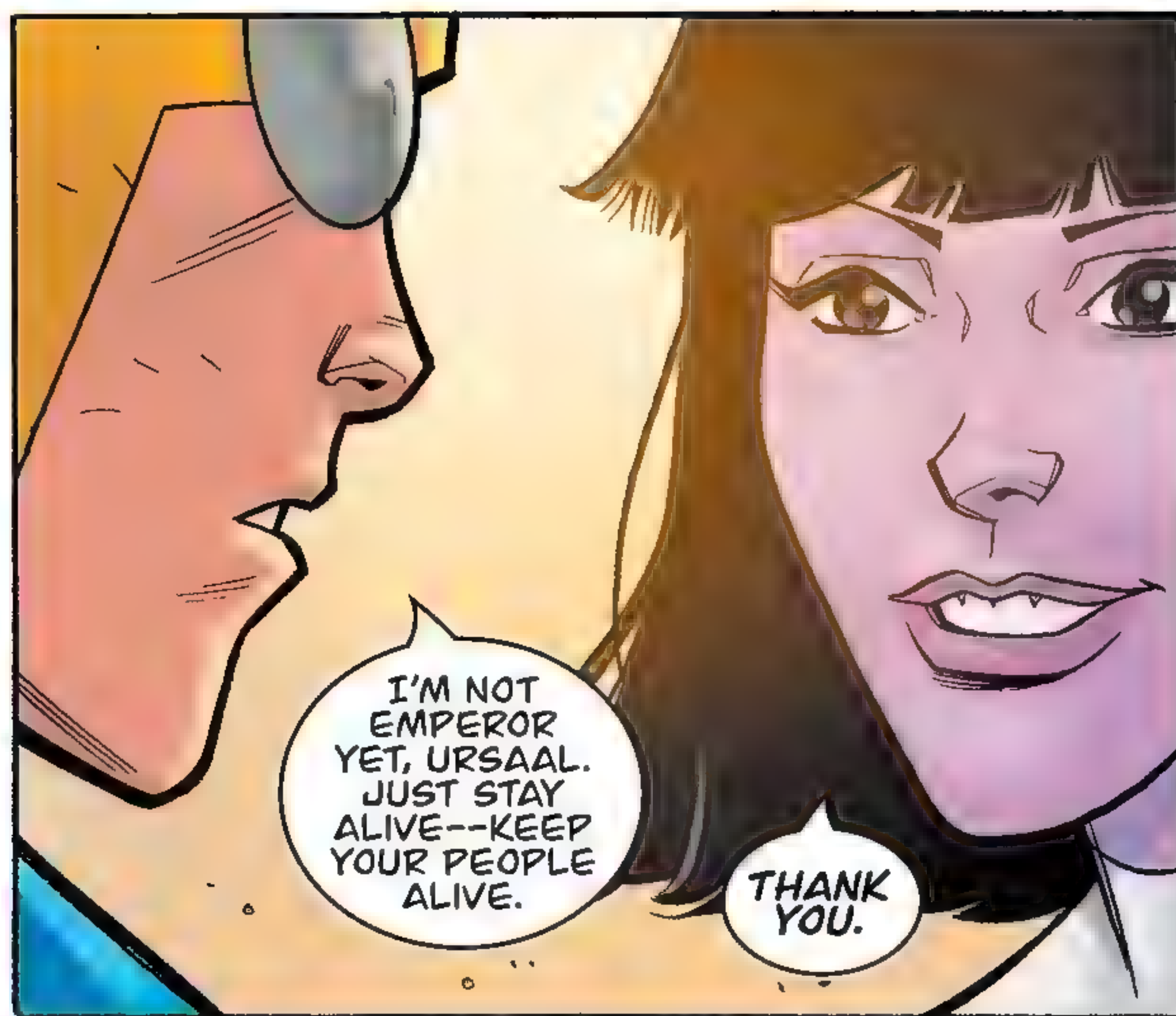
LET'S
GO.

WROKKO-OH OOM!!!

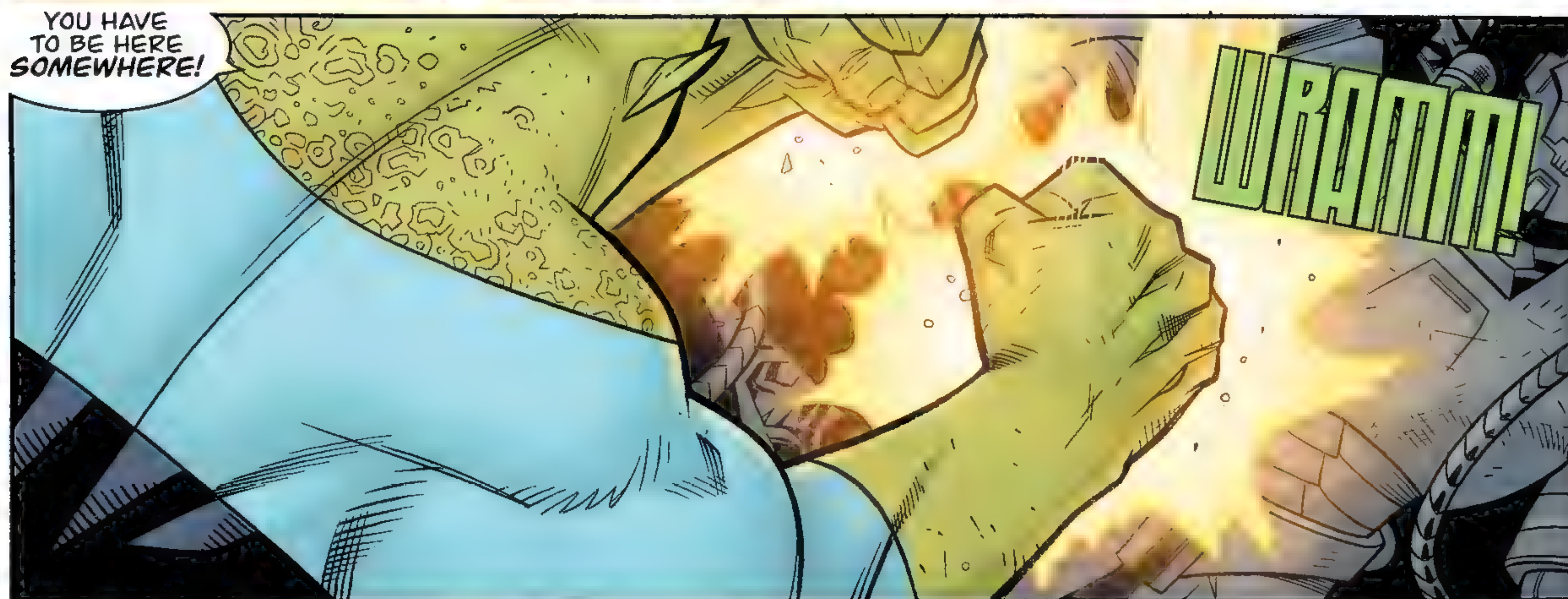
KEEP
GOING
DOWN!

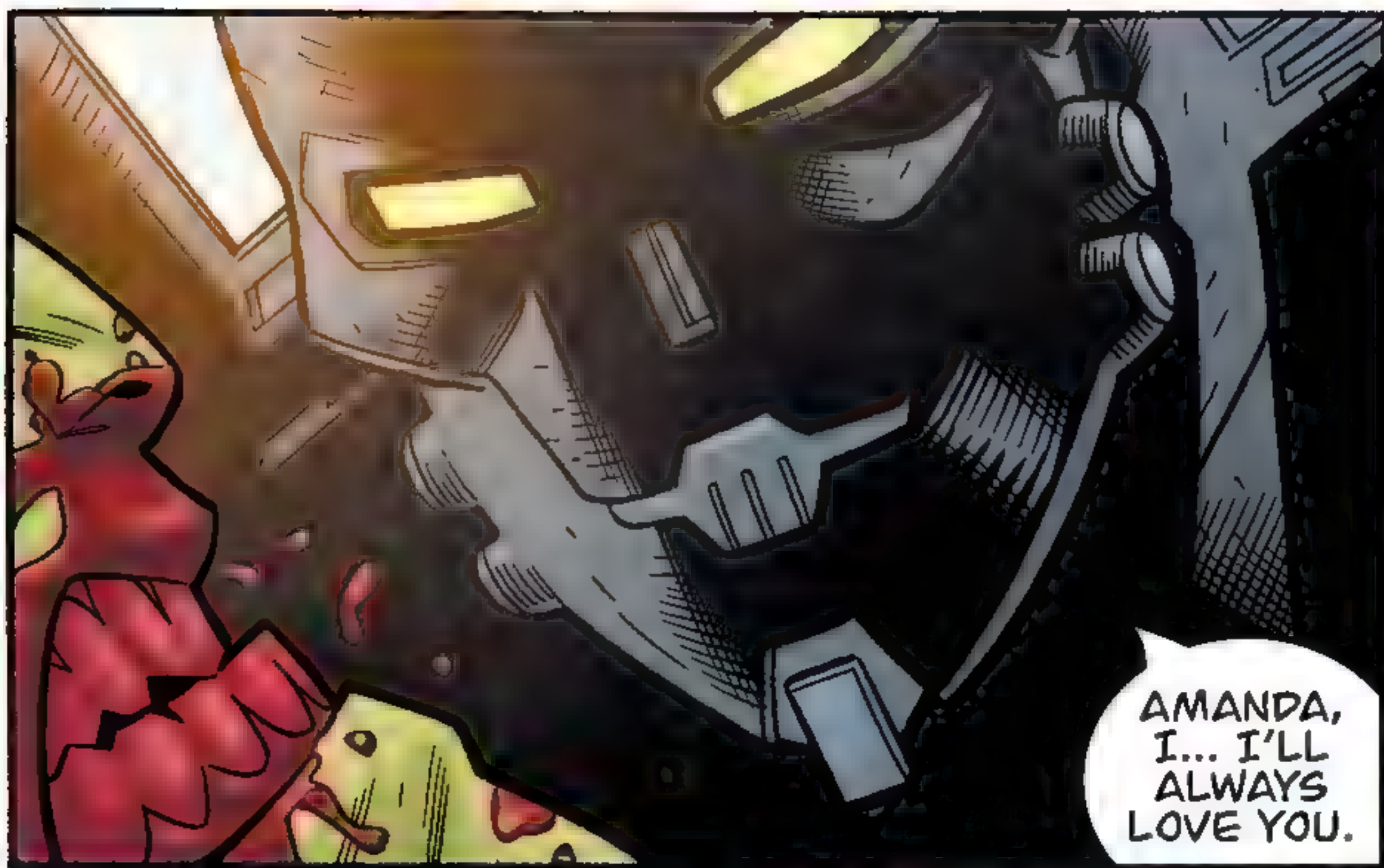
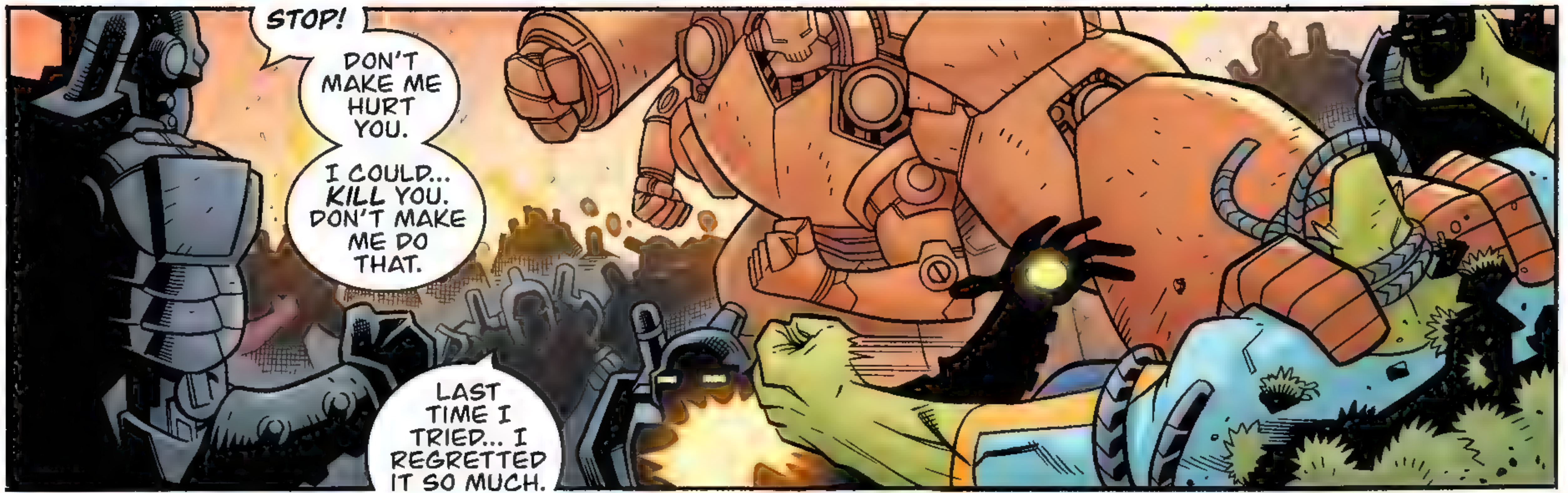
NOW,
FOLLOW
ME!

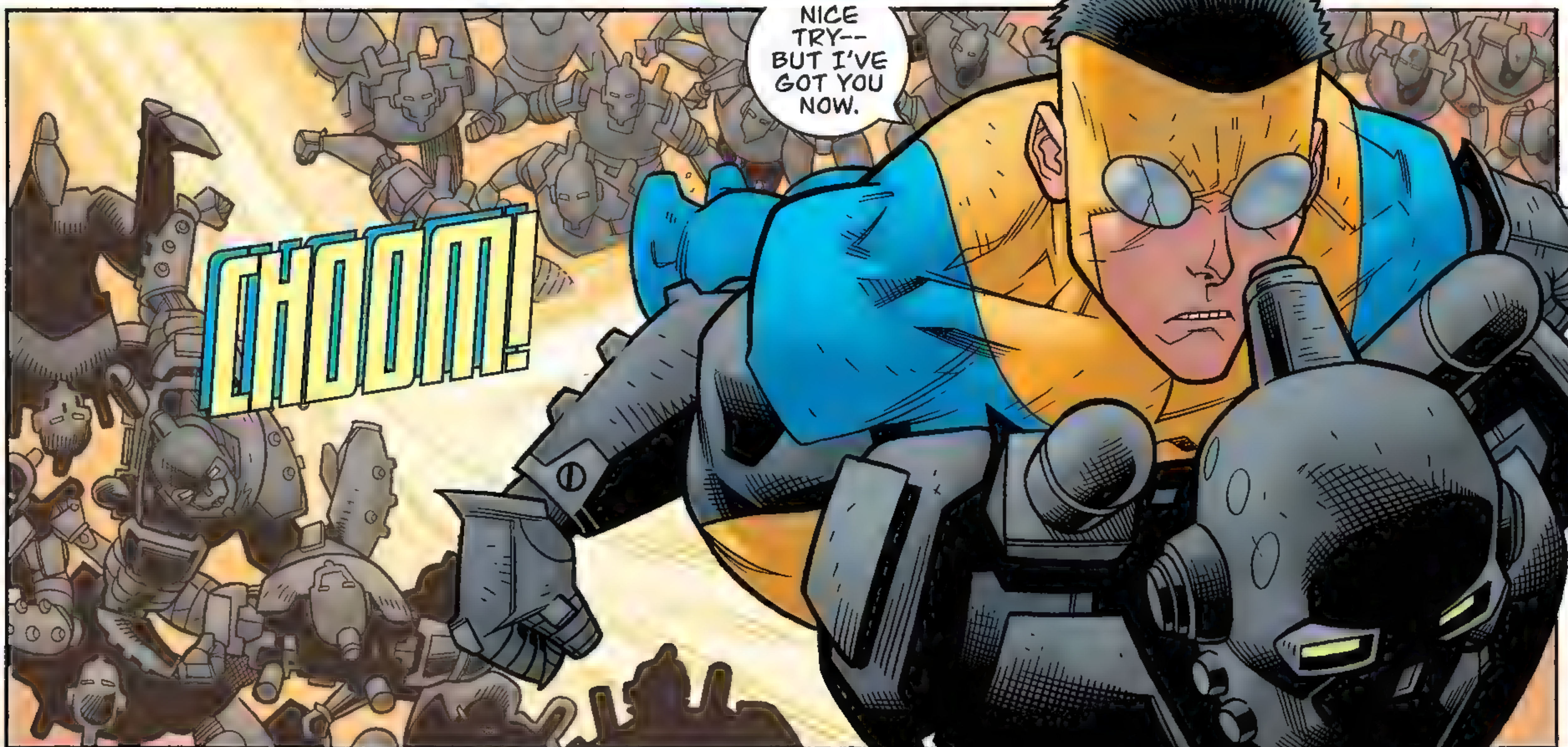
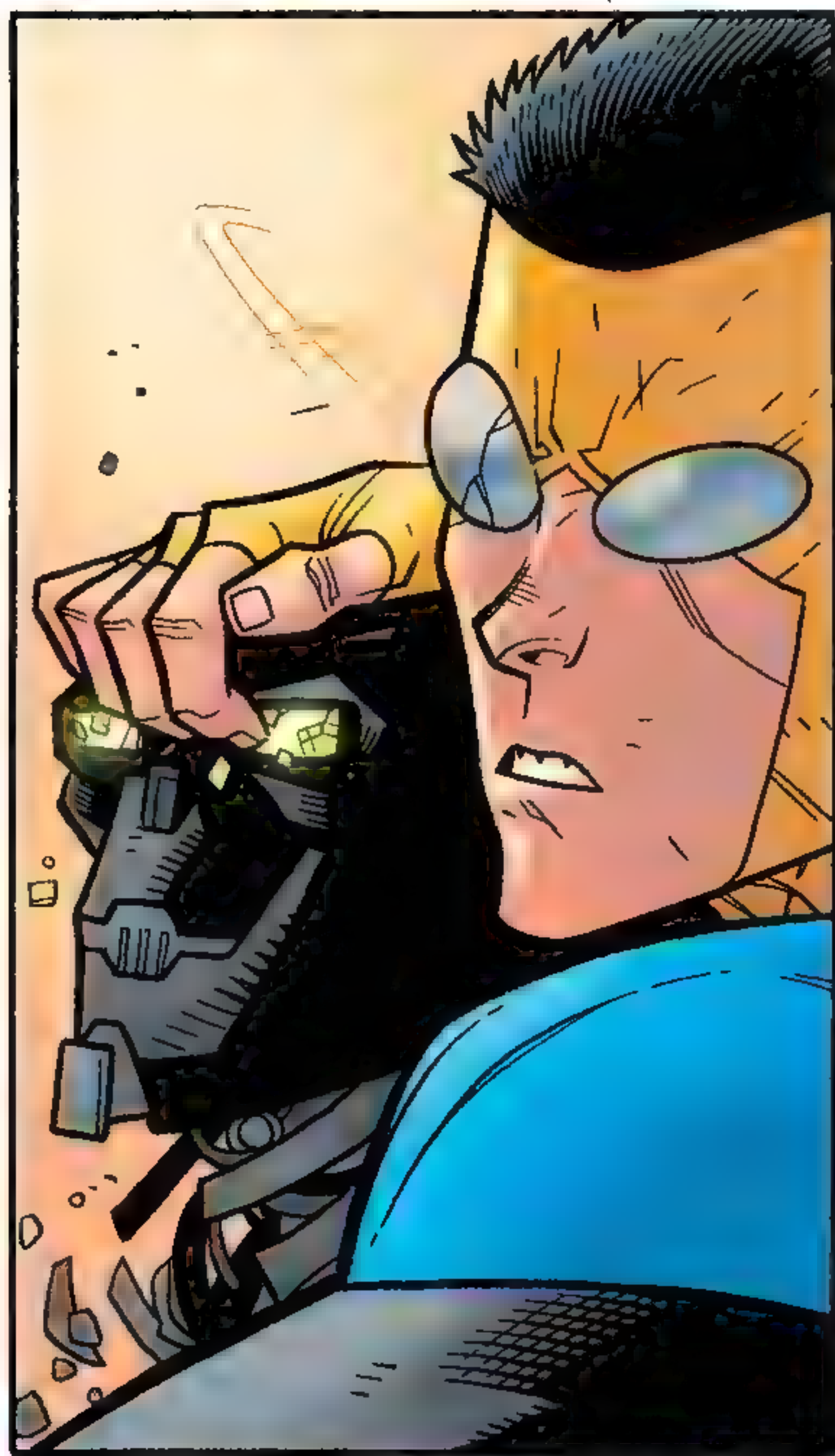
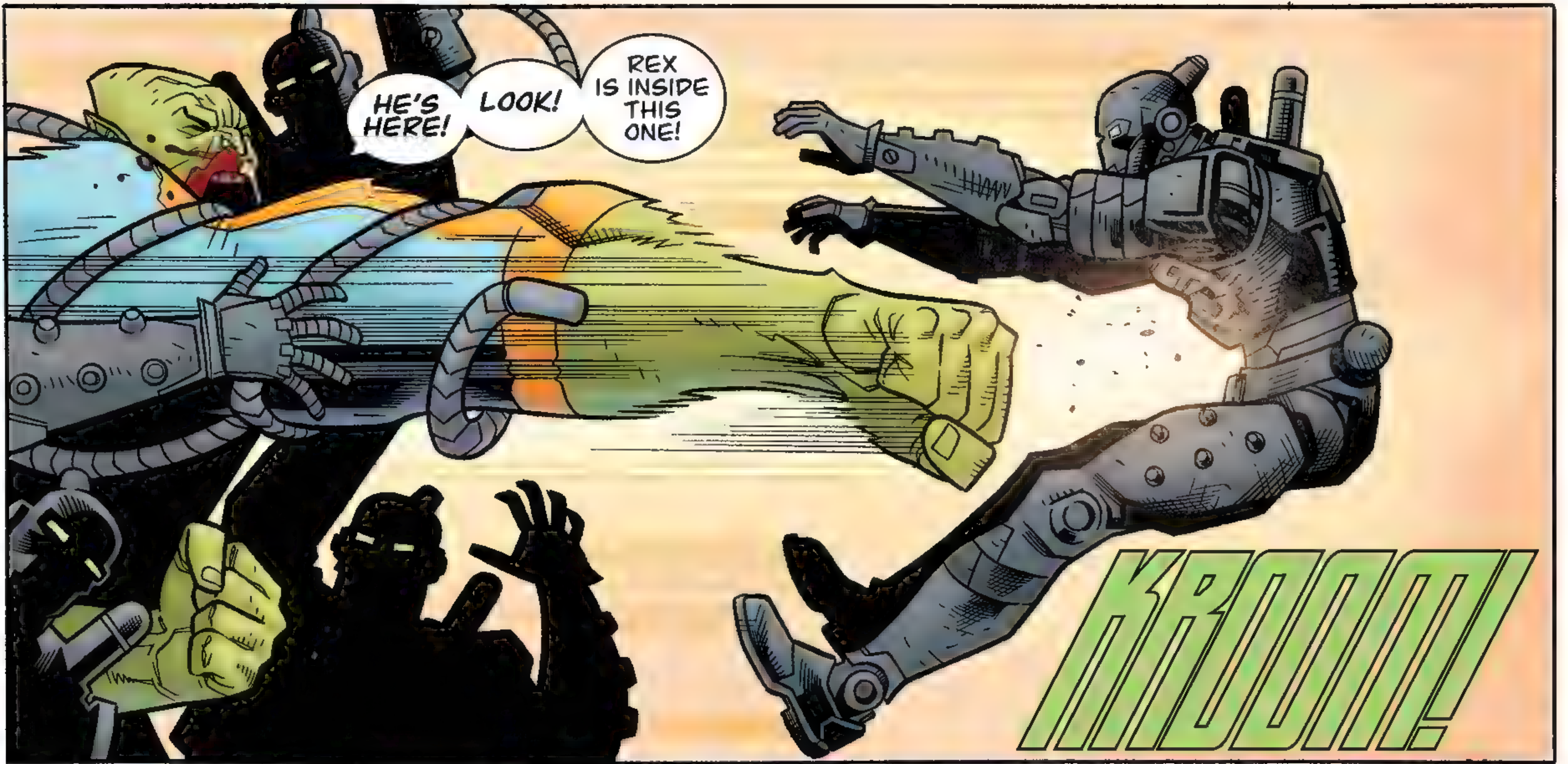
OKAY...
THIS MEANS
WE'RE
GETTING
CLOSE.

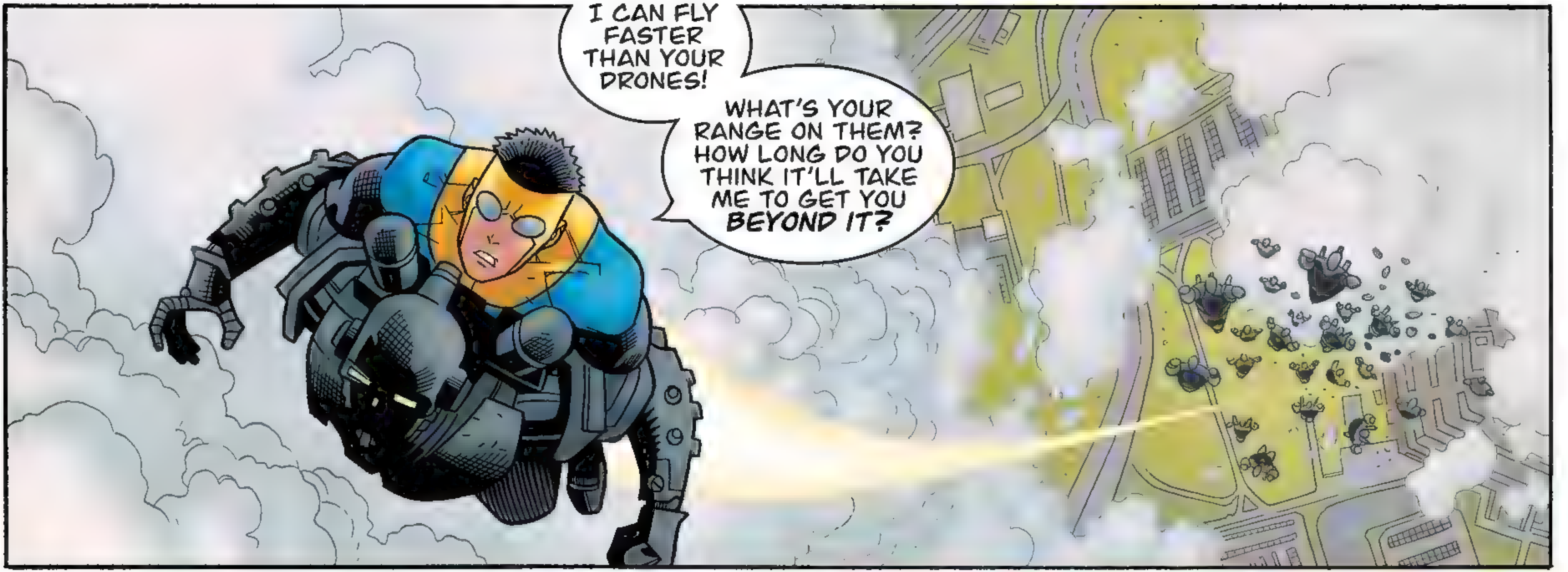














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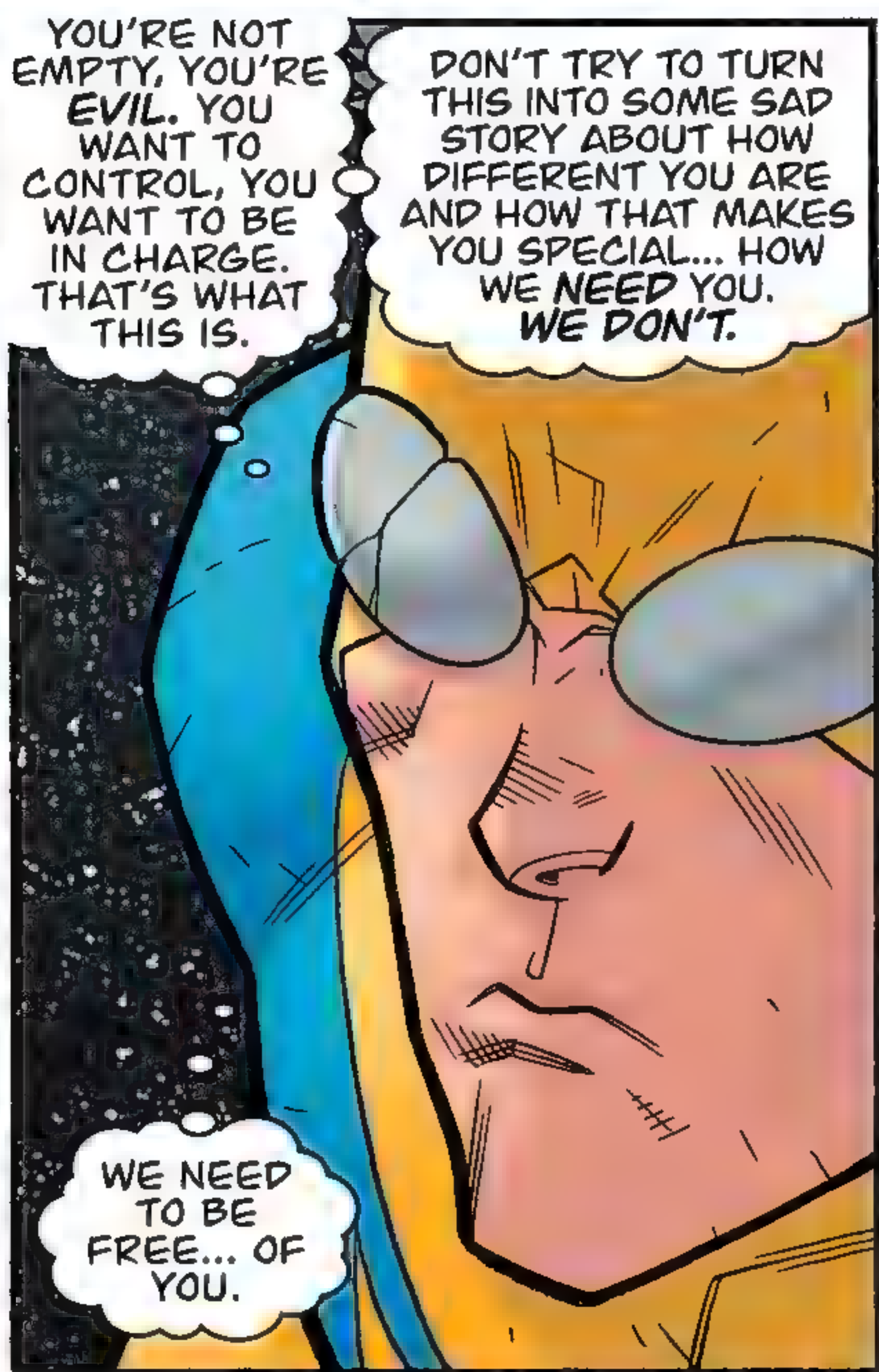
YOU THINK WE'RE GOING TO TALK?

WHY NOT? HAVEN'T WE KNOWN EACH OTHER LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO GIVE ME THIS? TO... HEAR ME OUT.



THEY CAN NEVER KNOW PEACE LIKE THIS. YOU CAN'T... NO ONE CAN. BECAUSE IT DOESN'T EXIST WITHOUT **EMPTYNESS**.

THAT'S WHY I GOT US CLOSER THAN WE'VE EVER GOTTEN BEFORE... BECAUSE I'M **EMPTY**, MARK.



YOU'RE NOT EMPTY, YOU'RE **EVIL**. YOU WANT TO CONTROL, YOU WANT TO BE IN CHARGE. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS.

DON'T TRY TO TURN THIS INTO SOME SAD STORY ABOUT HOW DIFFERENT YOU ARE AND HOW THAT MAKES YOU SPECIAL... HOW WE **NEED** YOU. **WE DON'T**.

WE NEED TO BE FREE... OF YOU.

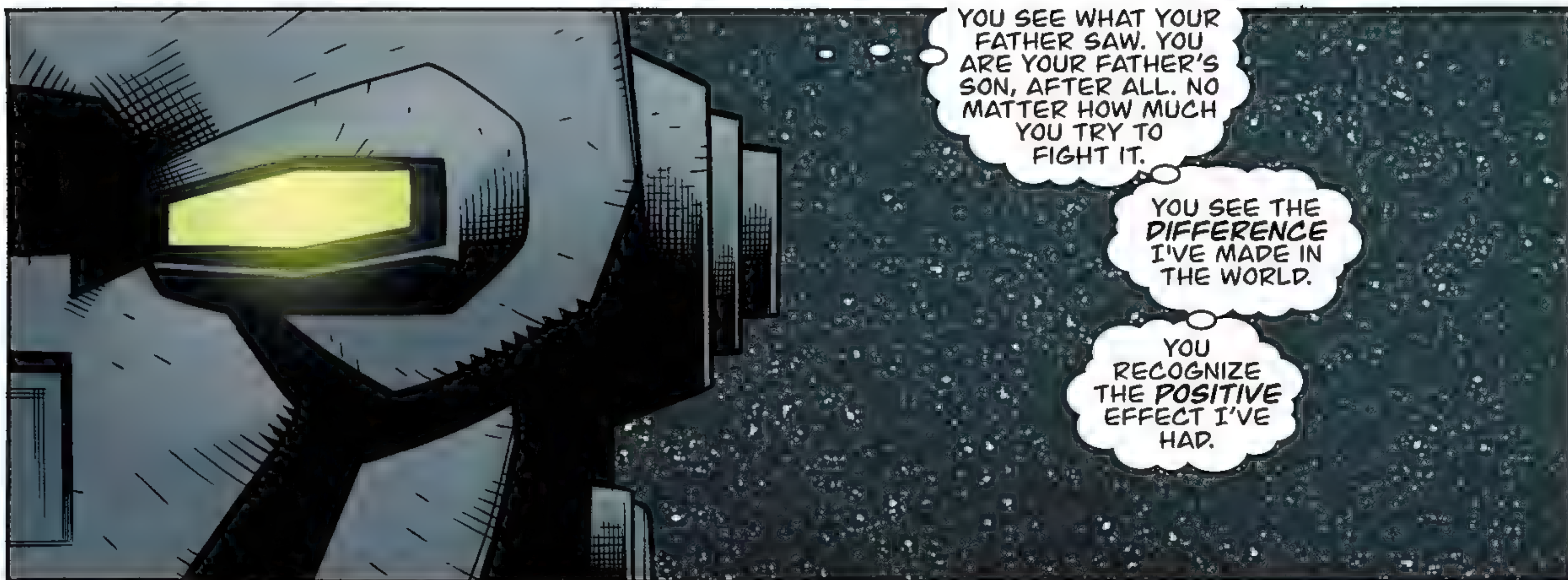


SO KILL ME, THEN. THAT'S WHAT YOU CAME HERE TO DO.

AND YET, YOU **HESITATE**.



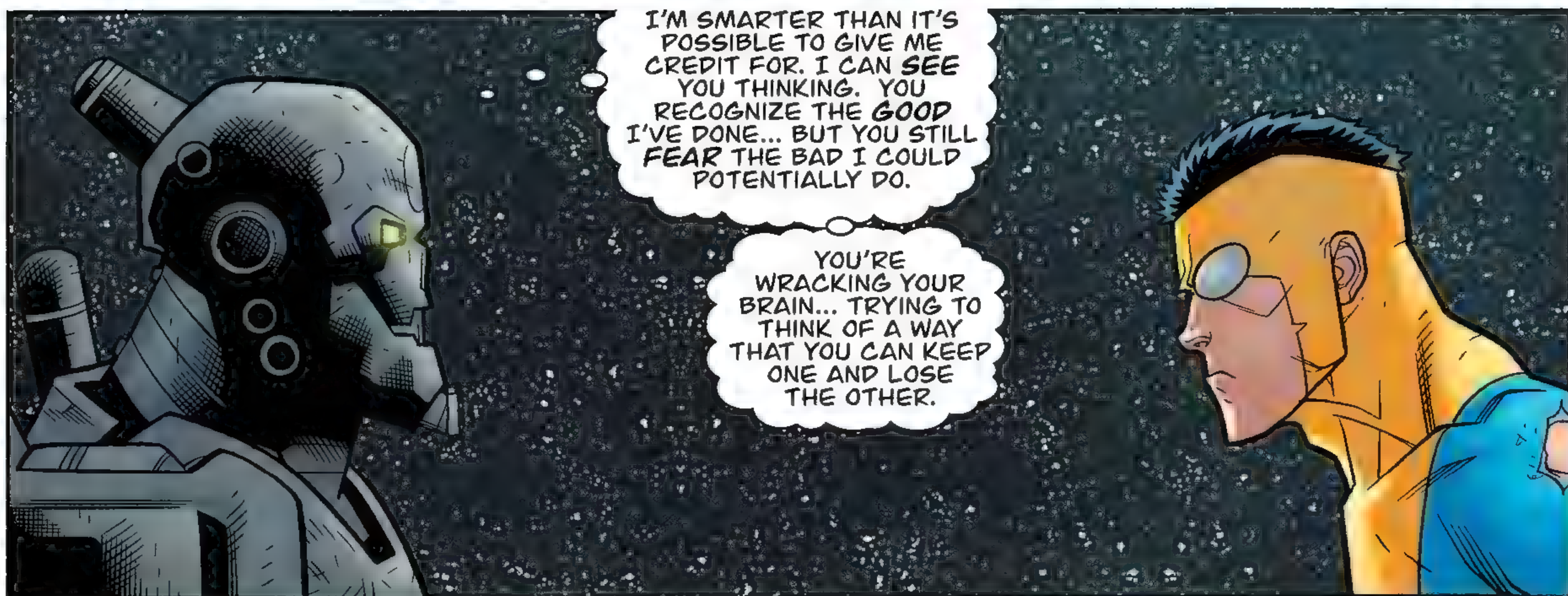
BECAUSE YOU KNOW... DEEP DOWN... I'M **RIGHT**.



YOU SEE WHAT YOUR FATHER SAW. YOU ARE YOUR FATHER'S SON, AFTER ALL. NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU TRY TO FIGHT IT.

YOU SEE THE DIFFERENCE I'VE MADE IN THE WORLD.

YOU RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE EFFECT I'VE HAD.



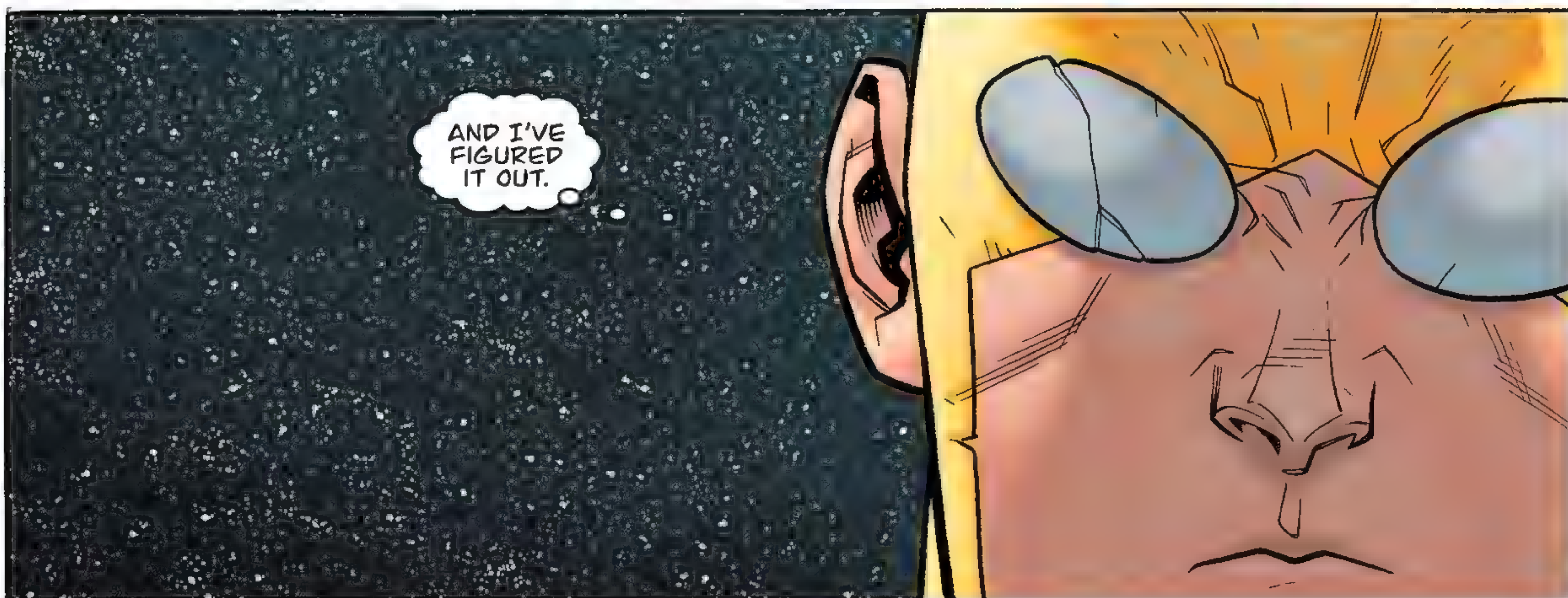
I'M SMARTER THAN IT'S POSSIBLE TO GIVE ME CREDIT FOR. I CAN SEE YOU THINKING. YOU RECOGNIZE THE GOOD I'VE DONE... BUT YOU STILL FEAR THE BAD I COULD POTENTIALLY DO.

YOU'RE WRACKING YOUR BRAIN... TRYING TO THINK OF A WAY THAT YOU CAN KEEP ONE AND LOSE THE OTHER.



AREN'T YOU?

YES. I AM.



AND I'VE FIGURED IT OUT.





THE POD IS COMPLETE. HE CAN ONLY SEND OUT VERBAL COMMANDS. HE'S COMPLETELY IMMOBILE, AND HE'S BLOCKED FROM SENDING ANY COMMANDS OUT TO ANY DRONES HE MAY STILL HAVE HIDDEN OUT THERE.

THIS IS ABOUT AS SECURE AS IT GETS.

SO HERE IT IS. REX... ROBOT... ALL HIS IDEAS, ALL HIS PLANS... ALL THE GOOD HE WANTS TO BRING TO THIS WORLD IS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.

AND IT GETS FILTERED THROUGH YOU.

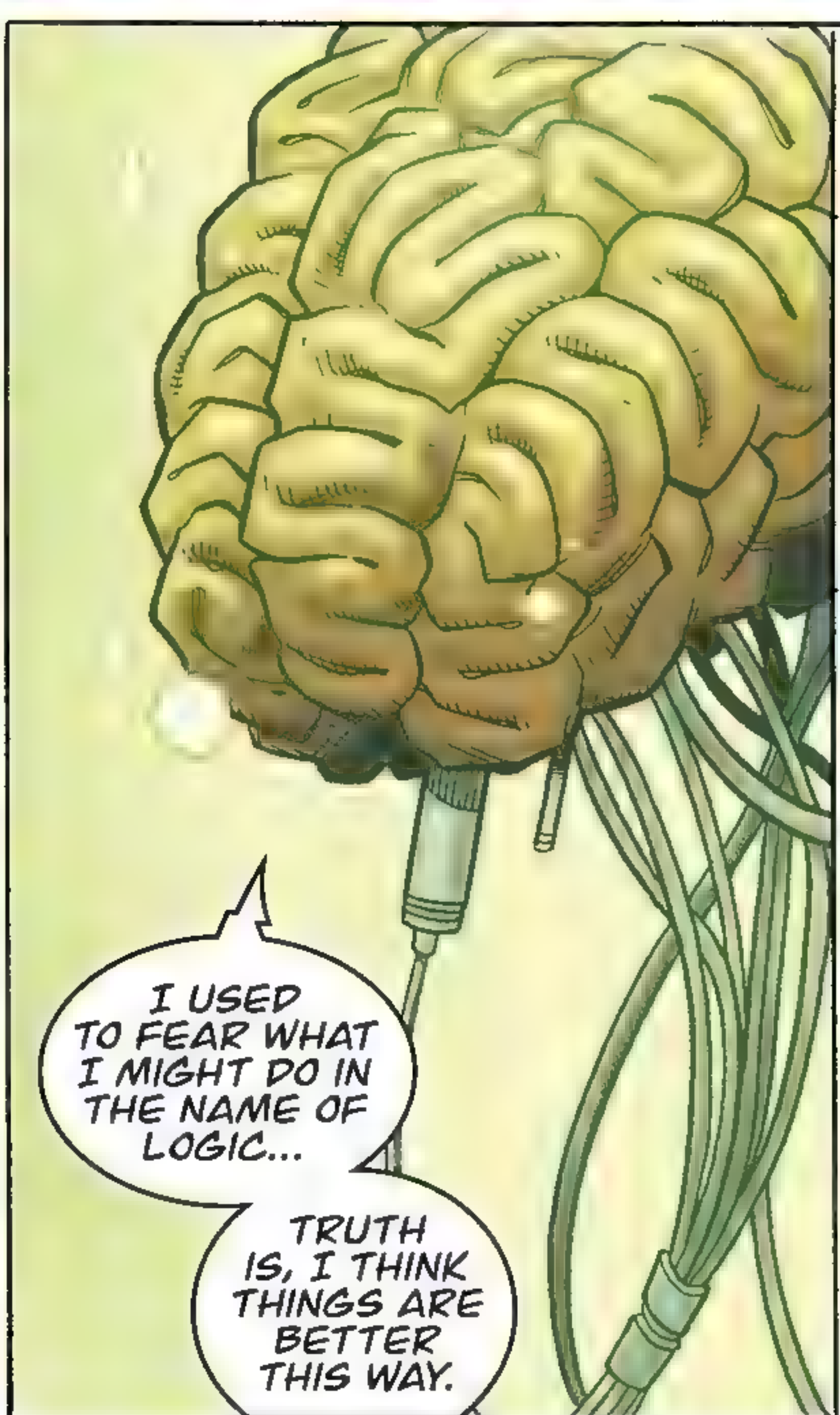


I CAN WORK WITH THIS.



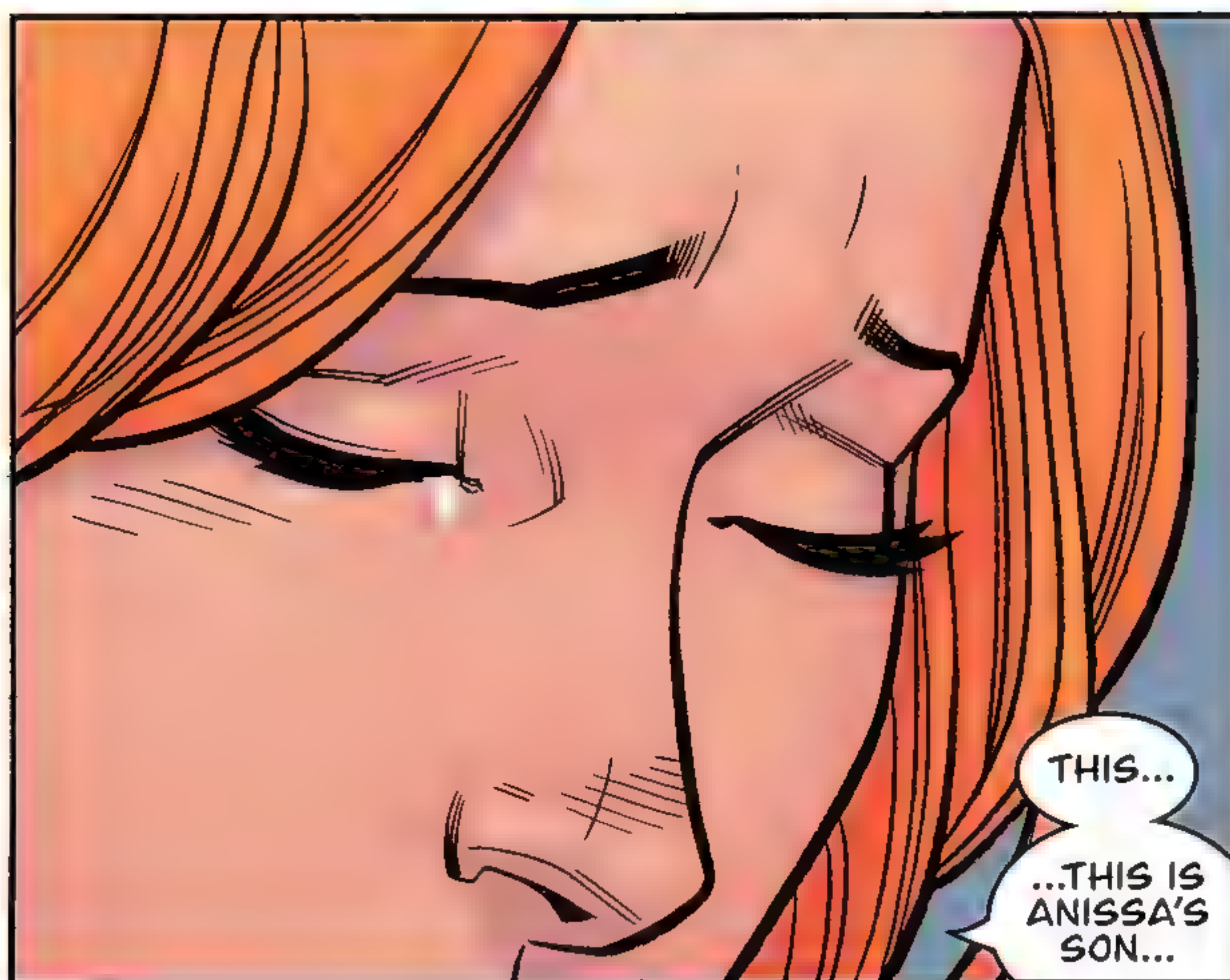
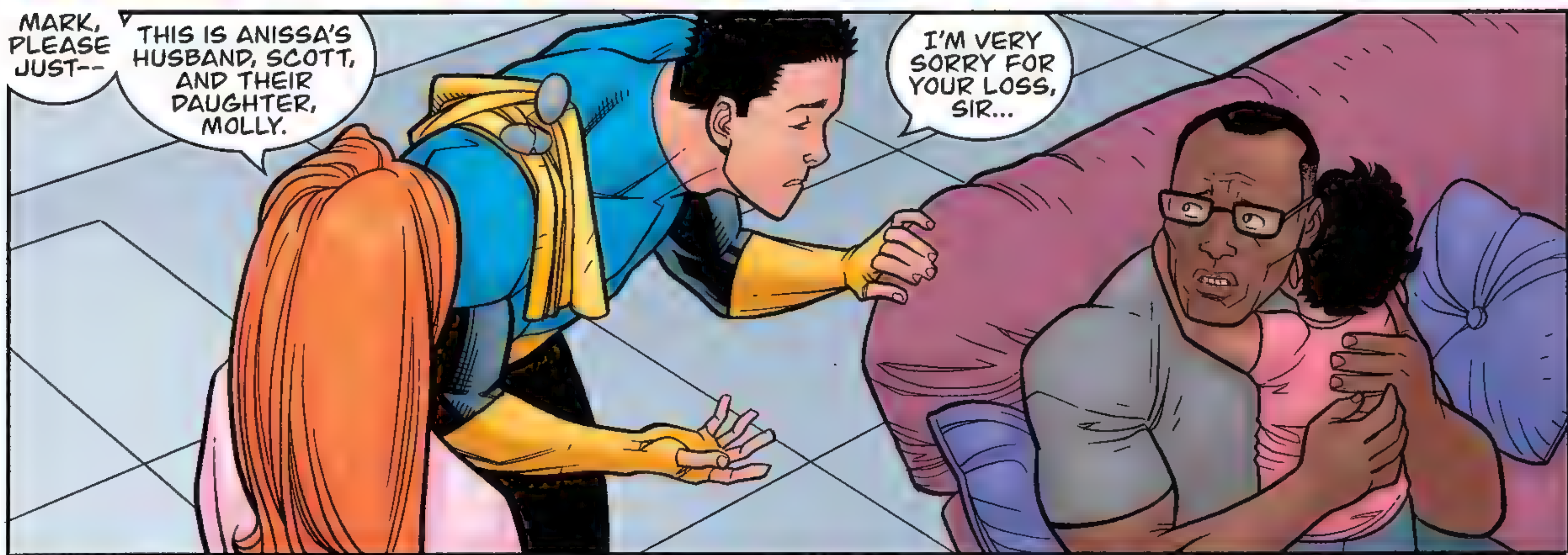
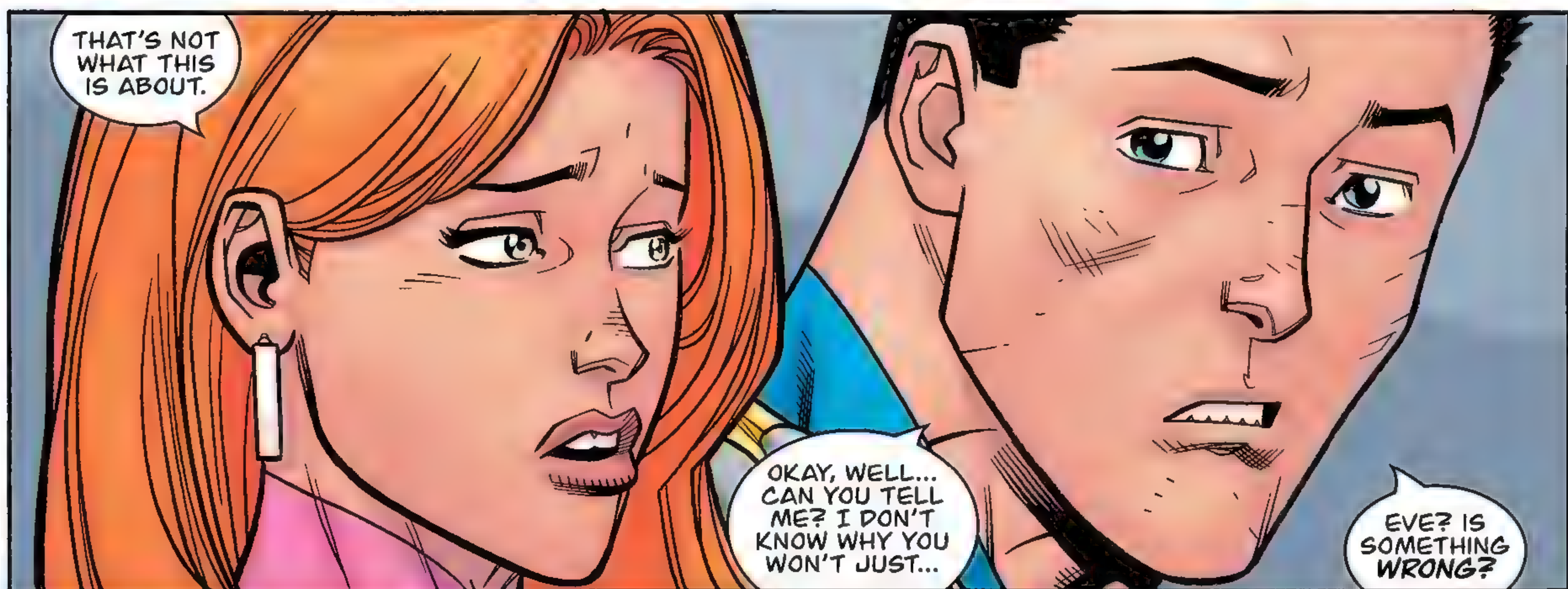
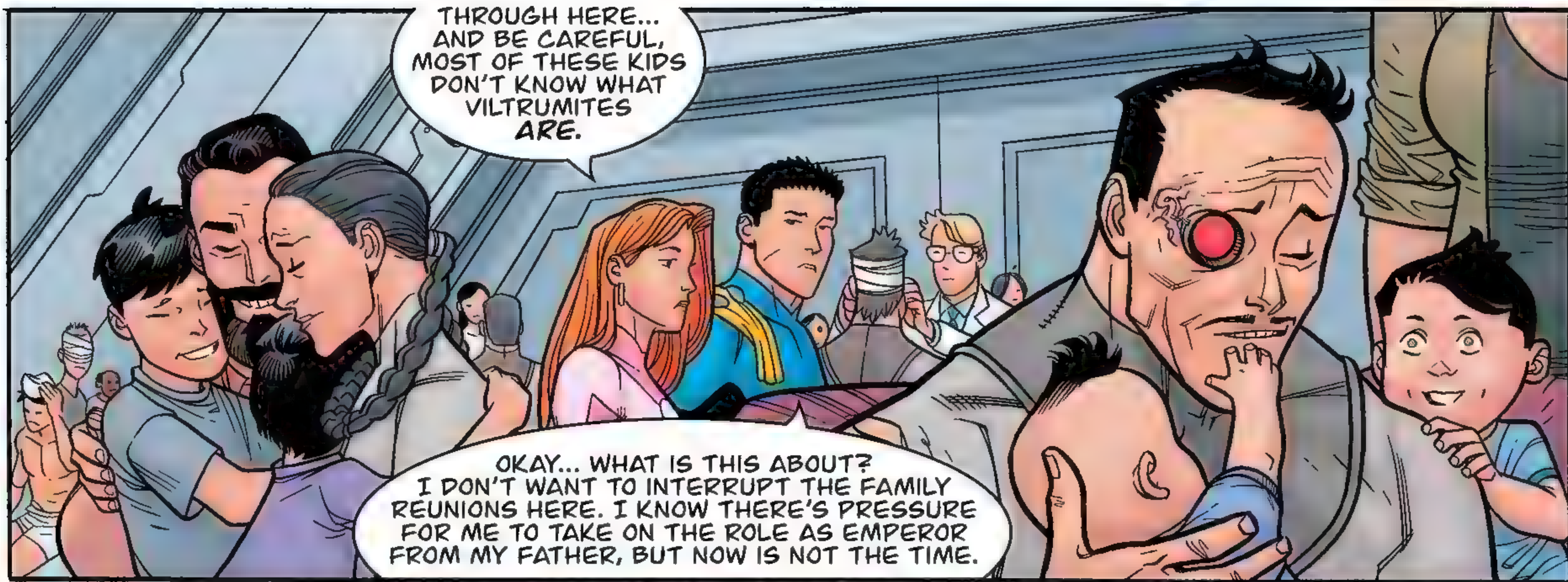
I USED TO FEAR WHAT I MIGHT DO IN THE NAME OF LOGIC...

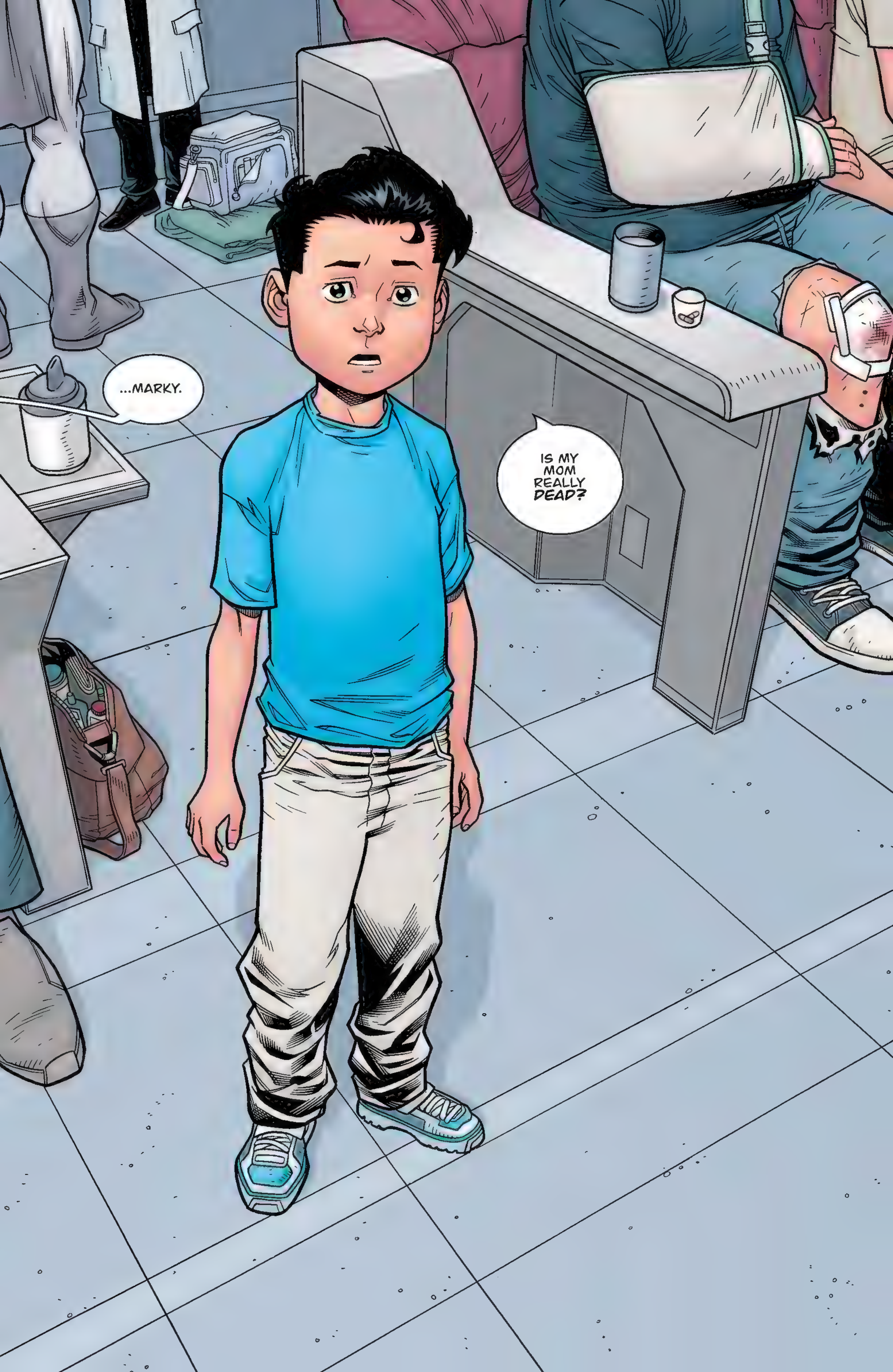
TRUTH IS, I THINK THINGS ARE BETTER THIS WAY.



ALREADY OFF TO A GOOD START!







...MARKY.

IS MY
MOM
REALLY
DEAD?

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What an action-packed beginning and ending to “Robot War”! When I started working on INVINCIBLE, Robot and Monster Girl were still stranded in the Flaxan dimension. It’s great to see that story come to a close... and it’s got me considering that maybe I should pack my bags up two issues from now, too...

In a sense, Sean... we’re ALL packing our bags a couple issues from now! Or are you talking about quitting Skybound?! This would be a weird place to resign, man! Don’t do it! I’ll put them back together! Just tell me what I need to do!

Let’s see what you people thought of issue #140!

Robert,

Damn...I knew Thragg would eventually die, but that was still intense. As intense as Battle Beast’s epic passing.

NOTHING IS AS INTENSE AS BATTLE BEAST ANYTHING. NOTHING!!!

But I hate that we’re just 4 issues from the end in a series I was hoping would continue for eternity (or at least the hopefully lengthy life time of Mr. Kirkman). It has been a wild ride and I still think I’m trying to force denial that you won’t just hold out until issue #150 or pull a surprise “Haha, it was all a trick and we’re still going”/“Next month, Terra #1!”.

I KNOW that’s not happening, and I’m still breaking out into scheduling fits...

But as all things end, I have one big question I have to ask. Are there any characters who’re dead or out of the series that you wish you had more time with or the ability to write more of before the series ends?

Mathias Lewis
San Marcos, Ca

I wanted to see more of Dinosaurus: A+ name, great design, serious threat. Doesn’t get the credit he deserves.

My son came up with that name! I’d love to have

written more Conquest. There’s a lot more to do with him, I think. We never really knew much about his backstory, how he came to be, etc. There’s some new characters on the way that I’d certainly like to write more of. Did I just say that? Heh... whatever, it’s fun to tease! TWO MORE ISSUES!!!

Dear Invinc-o-team

About five years ago while browsing through the Image app the cover art and summaries for this comic book called Invincible really grabbed me. Sadly I “borrowed” all 75 issues on the Internet at the time and LOVED it. When I was finished I said aloud, “wow, that was a roller coaster”. I then thought to myself you don’t ride a roller coasters for free, so I went to ebay and amazon and purchased Invincible Ultimate Collections 1-4, Invincible Volumes 10-14 and since then I’ve been buying and enjoying the volumes. I love Ryan Ottley’s art and his battles are cinematically perfect. Last year I went to NYC comic con 2016 to meet Mr. Ryan Ottley, regale him with the same story above, apologize for it, get some signatures on my favorite issues and try to get a sketch.

I will never get tired of folks owning up to stealing comics, and it only ever happens when they end up buying them. If it was a crappy comic, you’d end up saying, “Glad I didn’t waste my money on THAT.” So, Travis, we appreciate your honesty, just slightly less than your money!

Stories like this are pirating success stories! You may have never bought the comic if you hadn’t stolen it first! All is forgiven.

I am writing because I want to thank your entire team for this phenomenal comic book. The ups, the downs, amazing story arcs, the characters, the situations and the surprises, it’s all great. When I heard Invincible was ending I was super sad, but then I realized all good things must come to an end. I can’t wait to see what grand finale you guys have planned. I won’t ask any story questions like will Universa return, will the Viltrumites from Mohawk Mark’s reality want revenge (Conquest rematch) or what the hell was that glowing string thing that sent Mark back in time during the Reboot storyline.



1.) No. 2.) That would be cool. 3.) Maybe Jim Starlin could tell you.

Definitely no Universa. Not even one single shot of her, unfortunately. Sorry. We just can't make room for everyone.

I know those questions will be answered. My main question is can the last issue, volume, collection, complete library and compendium be released on the same day? If that is possible maybe there could be an after party, show or event to celebrate this climactic ending? If Chris Hardwick isn't available (cause he hosts everything) I'll gladly fly to where ever and host it for you, for free. I am counting down the months until volume 25 and the grand finale of "the best superhero comic in the universe".

Thank you.
Travis Johnson

Releasing everything the same day isn't possible, but you can expect to purchase Vol. 25 in March, Ultimate Collection 12 in May, and Compendium 3 in July. As for a party... I HOPE SO. There was a cake when the team reached #100. We gotta at least top THAT. Who's in charge of this stuff?! Can we at least get tacos and pie?

Flattering offer, but you, sir, are no Chris Hardwick! Let's get to work on scheduling that taco party...

To Robert and the rest of the team behind Invincible,

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS COMIC! Hands down the best comic series i've ever read! My favorite character is BATTLE BEAST! Everything from the story, art, the details, the blood and gore, emotions, fights etc, SIMPLY AMAZING! GOD BLESS YOU GUYS FOR THIS! SERIOUSLY! And now, coming back to Battle Beast! I was very sad and disappointed that you killed off such a great character but i guess it was coming anyway considering the fact that the character wanted a 'glorious death'. But still, why!?

Because Battle Beast threatened to become more popular than every other character, even Mark. Robert killed him. That's the realest answer I can give you.

Not completely untrue.

Anyhoo, a couple of issues before 'The End Of All Things' story arc, it was mentioned by a priest/king of sorts of Battle Beast's home planet that there is a prophecy that there will be another great warrior/freedom fighter like Battle Beast (i'm hoping the new guy is more powerful and vicious than his predecessor). Please tell me that you have, not just something but something great planned on that end! Also, why do i get the feeling that it was always Thragg AND Robot who were the major villains of this beautiful comic? Oh and one more thing! PLEASE DON'T KILL OFF ANISSA!!! PLEASE!!!

Deepak Ramesh

For all of you down with the Beast, I'll just say 2018 will be good to you.

Heh. Also, sorry about Anissa... and, man, it'd be really terrible if I never followed up on that Battle Beast prophecy... wouldn't it?

If that's not resolved, then I QUIT. At the conclusion of the taco party, that will also have Apple Pan pies at it.

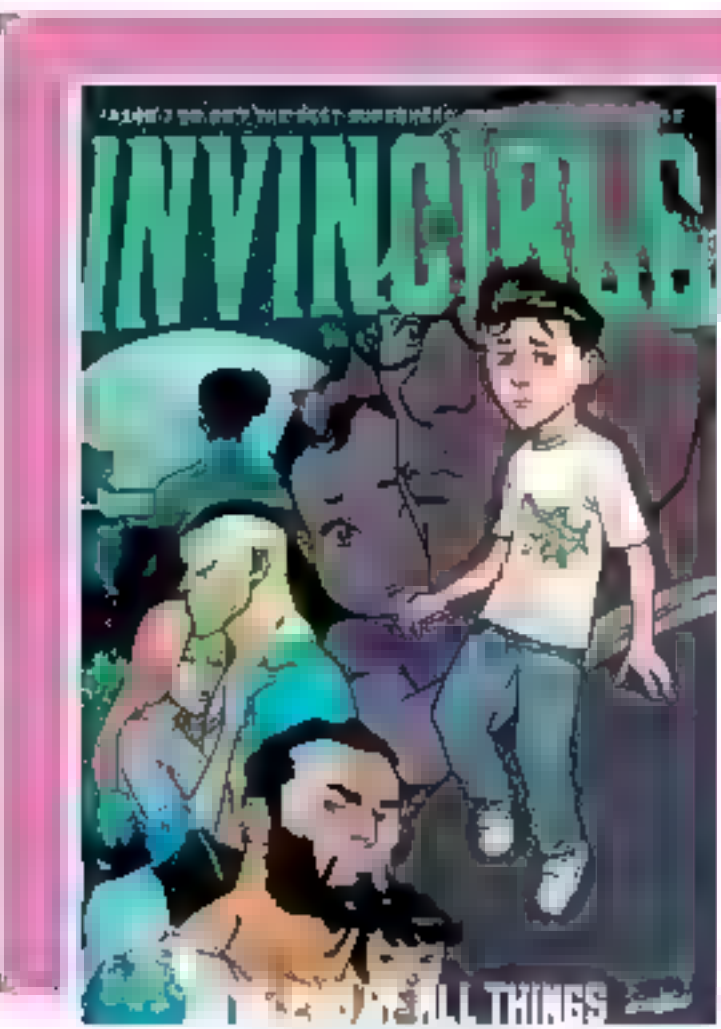
Can you believe there's only TWO ISSUES LEFT?! Honestly... it doesn't even feel real to me. What happens when Mark meets the son he never knew he had? Find out in December!

-Sean Mackiewicz

It's gonna be crazy! Really happy with what we have in store for these final two issues, and if you didn't see the announcement online... issue #144 is DOUBLE-SIZED, so it's almost like we have THREE issues left, and Cory Walker is coming back for half of the last issue, REJOICE!!

-Robert Kirkman

NEXT ISSUE



"THE END OF ALL THINGS." Part 11
This is the one where Mark Grayson learns he has a son he didn't know about. But the good news is...that son is AWESOME! Holy crap! One more issue after this until the end. We're as sad as you are.

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